MYSORE STATE HOCKEY ASSOCIATION.

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Rajpramukh of Mysore

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Message

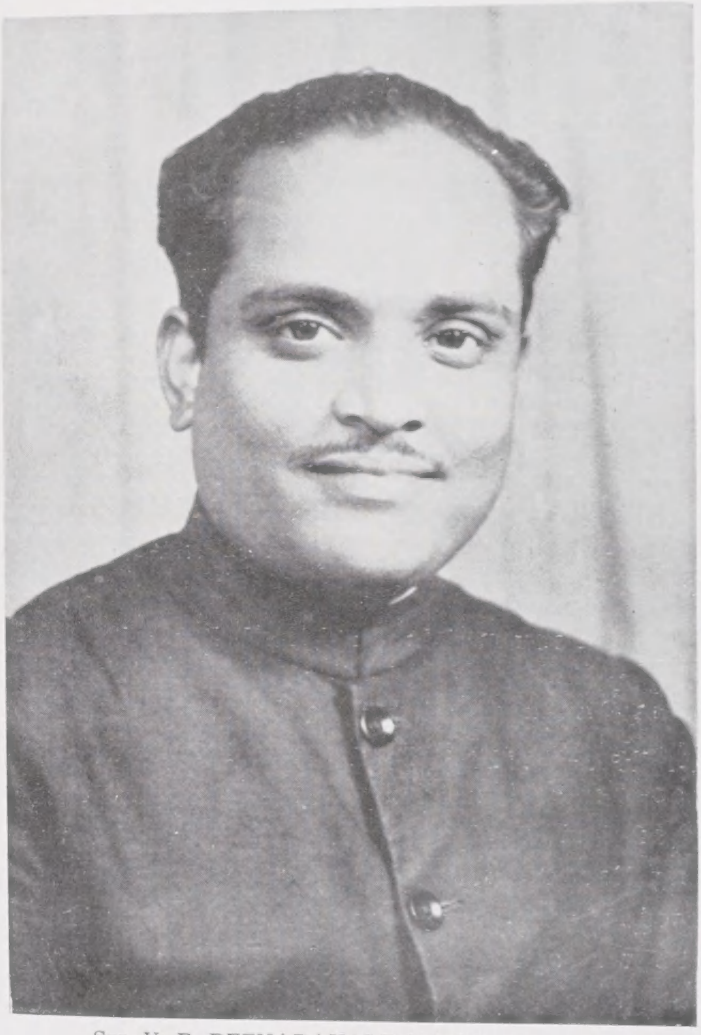
It gives me great pleasure to learn that the Mysore State Hockey Association is celebrating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Association.

The State's prosperity is bound up with its all-round sports activities and I hope that Mysore will continue to show progress in this field.

I wish the celebrations all success.

MAHARAJA OF MYSORE.

SRI K. HANUMANTHAIYA, B.A., LL.B.
Chief Minister of Mysore



SRI. V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU, B.A., LL.B.
Mayor, Corporation of the City of Bangalore

Message

It is a notable landmark for the Association to have marched on to the Jubilee Year which by implication would reflect the enormous sacrifice and enthusiasm that should have been exhibited by the office-bearers of the Association from time to time. This year in particular marks a very bright era when the State Association finds representation in the All-India Hockey affairs and incidentally the State Association of Mysore itself playing a dominent role in the progress of Indian Hockey. In fact the strenuous efforts of the office-bearers has laid the Association on a very sound foundation both financially and in the art of game. It is no vain boast that dispassionately speaking the game of Hockey that is played in Mysore is on a high plane and standard and with more of technique, than in other parts. The Association deserves to be congratulated for keeping the attention of the Hockey World focussed on them and it is no less due to the co-operation of this Association that the destiny of Indian Hockey is kept high in the keenly competing Hockey World. The vital requirements of the Association grounds and their own buildings should be the accomplished fact and goal of the Association in the course of the next few years.

I wish the Association "well".

V. P. DEENADAYALU NAIDU,
Mayor.

Message

I am very happy to hear that the Mysore State Hockey Association is celebrating its Silver Jubilee. At a time when sports associations are subjected to constant criticism for their poor administration and doubtful existence, it is gratifying to know that numerous sports organisations have given an admirable account of themselves and have rendered great service over a number of years.

The Mysore State Hockey Association can justly be proud for its valuable contribution towards promotion of Hockey for a period of twenty-five years. It is indeed a source of great encouragement to note that both the Government and the public have now become conscious of the value of sports as a medium for character-building, physical fitness and disciplined conduct. In planning the future of our nation, it is, therefore, as vital to formulate our ideas for our development in the sphere of sport as in other directions.

I wish Mysore State Hockey Association great success in their endeavours and I have no doubt that through their initiative and enterprise, the Indian Hockey will derive immense benefit.

NAVAL H. TATA,
President,
Indian Hockey Federation.

SRI. V. M. MASCARENHAS, M.L.A.
President, M.S.H.A.

Message

I am glad to learn that the Mysore State Hockey Association is celebrating its Silver Jubilee this year in a grand manner and has invited a number of reputed Up Country Teams to participate in the MAHARAJA OF MYSORE GOLD CUP HOCKEY TOURNAMENT.

The Association could be proud of its twenty-five years of useful service to the cause of Hockey in the State. Hockey is the only game in which India holds world supremacy for the last 30 years and will, I am sure, continue to hold this high place for many more years. The State Associations all over India, serving as "feeders", have therefore an important part to play and, I am sure, the Mysore State Association will contribute its quota and our players will always find a place in the All-India Eleven.

I wish the Association every success in the years to come.

V. M. MASCARENHAS,
President, M.S.H.A., Bangalore.

OUR EX-PRESIDENTS

Mr. L. M. Green

Sri. N. V. Babu Reddy

OUR PRESENT VICE-PRESIDENTS

Sri. B. [illegible]

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Sri. M. V. Sri Ram

OUR EX-SECRETARIES

Major C. A. Reynolds

Mr. W. Daniel

Sri M. G. Vijayasarathi

Mr. J. De Rozario

Sri B. G. Kosaram

OUR PLAYERS WHO REPRESENTED ALL-INDIA

C. Dessamuthu

D. Fitzgerald

M. Rajagopal

Pudaiyar

Rajasekar

Bhaskaran

The Mysore State Hockey Association Umpires Committee

The Mysore District Hockey Association

The Mysore State XI, 1948

The Mysore State XI, 1951

The Mysore State XI
(Winners of D.C.M. Trophy 1954)

Present Council of M.S.H.A.

Mysore Players being introduced to General Cariappa

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION

By

Sri. S. M. Sait

THE difficult task of writing a brief history of the Mysore State Hockey Association has been entrusted to me and I suppose the task could not have been entrusted to anybody else because usually the Honorary Secretary of any Association has always to do the difficult part of the job. My task has become all the more difficult in the absence of records relating to the origin and development of the Association. However, I am grateful to the various veteran Hockey players and officials who have very kindly given me the information relating to the growth and development of the Mysore State Hockey Association, which is one of the pioneer Associations in India working for the development and promotion of the game of Hockey.

Origin of the Association

Sometime in the year 1930 various clubs playing Hockey in Bangalore formed themselves into an Association which was at that time called the Bangalore Hockey Association. The first of the Secretaries were Mr. Savory and Major Steadman. The Association continued to be called the Bangalore Hockey Association until Mr. Milton, the Commissioner of Police, became the President. During his time the name of the Association was changed to Mysore State Hockey Association and His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore very graciously consented to be its Patron.

Growth and Development of the Association

From about the year 1940–45 the Association confined its activities to the control of the game by helping various clubs and units in organizing tournaments and exhibition matches. During that time Sullivan Police

Sports Club used to run the Police Shield Hockey Tournament and the Bangalore Gymkhana used to conduct the B.U.S. Cup and the Travancore Cup Hockey Tournaments. The Bourdillion Y.M.C.A. was conducting the Red Triangle Hockey Tournament. The Association itself began to conduct one tournament, *viz.*, His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore Gold Cup Hockey Tournament. This Cup was very kindly presented to us by His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore. During the War, Bangalore Gymkhana Club handed over the responsibility of conducting the B.U.S. Cup Hockey Tournament and Travancore Cup Hockey Tournament to the Mysore State Hockey Association and from that time the Association has been conducting these three tournaments every year. At about the same time Sullivan Sports Club also handed over the Police Shield to the Association for conducting the tournament on league basis. During this period the work of the Association was carried on by a series of hard-working and enthusiastic Secretaries, *viz.*, Messrs. Doran, T. Roberts, Reynolds, B. G. Kosalram, M. G. Vijayasarathy and W. Daniels. Particular mention must be made of Mr. W. Daniels who devoted a lot of time and energy in enlarging the activities of the Association. Encouragement was given to various Club sides to participate in leading Hockey tournaments all over India. Mr. W. Daniels made it a point to press for the claims of the local players in the Indian Hockey Federation for being selected for the representative sides. His efforts did bear fruit and the Mysore State Hockey Association came to be looked upon with respect by the Indian Hockey Federation. Mr. W. Daniels himself was one of the Selectors who selected the Indian Team for the 1948 Olympics. The Association also made it a policy to send representative side to participate in the National Championship ever since its inception. During this period Mr. V. M. Mascaren has rendered yeoman service as the President of the Association. We are very fortunate in being able to persuade him again to accept the responsibility of the President of the Association.

During the year 1948 the Association unfortunately received a great set-back and particularly the Association's financial position was brought down to the verge of bankruptcy. At this stage the services of Sri. N. V. Babu Reddy, who was at that time the Commissioner of Police, were obtained to help the Association in getting out of this mess. For a period of six years Mr. Babu Reddy guided the destinies of the Association and used his personal influence in putting the Association on a sound financial basis. During this period the Association was fortunate in having the services of a batch

of energetic and enthusiastic persons. Here I would particularly mention the names of Messrs. B. Doctor, M. Fazlulla Khan and M. V. Balakrishna Naidu. Taking advantage of the encouragement given by the authorities of the Hindustan Aircraft Ltd. in development of sports, Mr. M. V. Balakrishna Naidu saw to it that a number of leading Hockey players were given jobs in the Hindustan Aircraft Factory. He organised a real first-class side which has greatly worked up its prestige and has earned a name as one of the most leading sides in India to-day.

Mr. B. Doctor's services to the cause of Hockey deserve a special mention. He has served the cause of Hockey for over 30 years as Honorary Secretary, B.P.H.A., Honorary Secretary, Indian Hockey Federation, and Vice-President of the Mysore State Hockey Association. He has never hesitated to give us a helping hand whenever we approached him for aid. His interest in the game and in the activities of the Association is really remarkable for a man of his age.

I cannot find suitable words to describe my sense of gratitude to the help rendered by Mr. M. Fazlulla Khan in arranging the various activities of the Association. By nature a lover of sports, his interest in the game of Hockey is phenomenal. He has devoted quite a lot of time, money and energy in organizing and promoting the game of Hockey in his club, *viz.*, Bangalore Muslims, which is primarily a Foot-ball Team.

In this context I will be doing a great injustice if I do not make a mention of some old clubs and units who have contributed a lot towards the development of the game in Bangalore. The names of clubs like the Bangalore Indians, St. Joseph's College and Sappers stand out most prominently until about 1943-44. Thereafter amongst the private clubs to become prominent were the A.F.I. All Blues and Bangalore Sporting Hockey Club.

One peculiar feature about the development of Hockey in Bangalore has been the lack of interest in this game in the City Area. There are only two clubs in the City Area affiliated to the Association, *viz.*, The City Hockey Club and the Gavipuram Youths. The City Hockey Club has been making all efforts to popularise the game in the City Area. Thanks to their efforts the Association was able to get *Dharmaprakasa* Sri. L. S. Venkaji Rao to donate a Cup for conducting a Hockey Tournament within the City limits. An unique feature of the tournament is that it is always conducted in the City Area and without gates. The City Hockey Club has been shouldering the responsibility of conducting this tournament on behalf of the Association.

Another feature worthy of mention is the encouragement given by the leading Industrial Concerns in promoting Hockey Teams by giving jobs to good Hockey players. This policy has helped a great deal in preventing the exodus of Hockey talent from Bangalore to other major cities of India where lot of money are spent by clubs and other organisations in building up their teams. Industrial Concerns who have organised Hockey in Bangalore are Hindustan Aircraft Ltd., Imperial Tobacco Co. (I.) Ltd., Government Electric Factory, Indian Telephone Industries, Mysore Vegetable Oil Company and the Binny Mills.

It is also surprising that the game of Hockey has not been very popular in other districts of Mysore. We have only one District Association affiliated to us, *viz.*, the Mysore District Hockey Association. The responsibility for this is to a great extent that of the parent organization. We have to take proper measures to see to the development of this game in various districts of the State.

The part played by umpires in any organization is a very important aspect in the development of the game on proper lines. Of late much criticism is heard all over India about the standard of umpiring and the bias shown by the officials, while officiating the games. Fortunately for us we have had and continue to have men of absolute honesty and integrity who are in charge of umpiring in Bangalore. I must make particular mention of persons like Major Steadman, Capt. Reynolds, Mr. K. V. Ananth, Mr. Sriram and Mr. D. Chotah, who have worked hard to keep the standard of umpiring in Bangalore very high. We have received tributes from all over India about the high standard of our umpires.

The Association has developed from strength to strength and we were sure that in this our Silver Jubilee Year we would achieve our object of having a ground of our own in order to effectively put through our plans for the development of the game in Bangalore. Unfortunately for us and unfortunately for the game we have not been able in spite of all our efforts to get a suitable ground allotted to us. We do hope that the day will come soon when through the help of the Government we will be able to achieve our object.

This brief history of the Association will be incomplete if I do not mention the part played by the Press in helping us to develop the game on right lines and the encouragement given to our players by giving proper publicity to their performances in the various tournaments.

SOME OF THE EX-CAPTAINS AND THE PRESENT CAPTAIN

Sri. Shanmugam

Sri. I. N. Radhakrishna

Sri. M. Rajagopal

Sri. A. Macbride
The Present Captain

Sri. Jani Sait

OUR PRESENT SECRETARY

Sri. S M SAIT

THE PRESENT SECRETARY

A Remarkable Organiser

SRI. S. M. SAIT, born in 1922 in Bangalore, educated in the St. Joseph's Indian High School and St. Joseph's College, Bangalore, from where he graduated and proceeded to Poona to add the Law Degree to his achievements, is the mainstay of the present Mysore State Hockey Association which he had to rebuild in 1948, when he took over charge as the Secretary, where utter confusion prevailed, funds were all on the *minus* side and the Association Cups and property scattered among unknown persons. Steadily and silently, holding together groups of conflicting views, he toiled all alone except for a handful of loyal workers and led the Association to higher and higher fame, built up a decent bank balance and showed to the rest of the country the great potentialities in the Hockey field that Mysore State possessed.

He has been responsible in no small measure for the brilliant success of the State Team and leading teams of the State like the Hindustan Aircraft in All-India Tournaments. During his regime as Secretary, six players from Mysore have represented India—Rajagopal and Desamuthu having donned Olympic Colours—and Mysore has won a permanent high place in Indian Hockey. Himself a keen Hockey player belonging to a family of distinguished Hockey players—his brothers Messrs. Jami Sait and Hashim Sait being reputed players—his love for the game and his sterling qualities won him positions of office in the Indian Hockey Federation also. He was a Selector of the Indian Team for the Olympics in 1952, he was the Assistant Secretary of Indian Hockey Federation for 1953–54 and pre-occupation prevented him from accompanying Indian Hockey Federation Team to Malaya as Joint Manager in 1954. He is now the Treasurer of the Indian Hockey Federation. All these honours which he has won more by his personal qualities than anything else, are nevertheless a source of pride to Mysore State. He organised and very successfully conducted the great National Championships in 1953. Whenever differences arose among members in the Association, Mr. Sait or "Salu", as he is well known, would step in and settle them. An unassuming and hard worker, he has been the mainstay of the Mysore State Hockey Association and has won the confidence of successive Presidents and all members.

THE PRESENT MYSORE CAPTAIN

A Great Leader

HAS any one heard of a pair of spectacles standing in the way of a great player getting All-India Colours ? Well this is what is believed to have happened to our little " Big " MacBride, the present Mysore Captain. So goes the story that after MacBride and his heroic Aircraftmen had fought hard to keep India's Hockey prestige in the final of the Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament at Calcutta in 1951 against a strong Pakistan combination, an Indian selector while congratulating MacBride remarked, " Well, Mr. MacBride, it is a pity you wear glasses! "

Allen Charles MacBride, born at Madras and educated at St. Joseph's European High School, Bangalore, played for St. Joseph's Sports Club, then a leading team, from 1937 to 1941. After getting an Engineering Diploma and playing for Engineering School he took up an employment in Bombay in 1941. After serving for some time in Bangalore Binny Mills, for whom also he played, he joined the Hindustan Aircraft Factory in 1947 and has been the Captain of the Hockey Team since then. He plays at right full-back. The same year he donned the State Colours representing Mysore in the National Championships at Bombay and had the unique distinction of captaining the State Team on the first appearance. Under his inspiring leadership Mysore gave a brilliant performance against the undivided Punjab with Dara, Balbir and Aziz in the forward line. With such a good beginning he has led the H.A.L. Team from success to success in all parts of India.

It is an irony or perhaps fortune of the game that MacBride, who has played in all the Nationals since 1947, failed to get a place in the year 1953 when the Championship was held at Bangalore itself ! He considers the match with Punjab Police in the finals of the Dhyanchand Cup Tournament in 1952 at Delhi as the best he has played—not because he was the hero of the match—but because the Mysoreans showed that the foremost combination of India could be defeated.

He has been the undisputed Captain of the Mysore Team for several years for he has, by precept and example, on and off the field, proved a great leader, a good coach and a very fine gentleman.

SOME REMINISCENCES OF HOCKEY IN BANGALORE

By

Dr. B. S. Madhava Rao

IT is with genuine pleasure that I associate myself with the celebrations of the Silver Jubilee of the Bangalore Hockey Association since I have the proud privilege of being one of the founder-members of the Association along with four others, *viz.*, Mr. G. H. Savory who was the leading light of the Organization, Conductor Quantrill of the Army who introduced for the first time in Bangalore an examination for Hockey Referees, Mr. Narasimhan of the R.B.A.N.M.'s School, and, if my memory serves me right, Mr. B. G. Kosalram who was later on the Secretary of the Association for a long time and did much for the continued growth of the Organization. I vividly remember the excitement when I took my examination for Hockey Umpires, conducted by the Army Sports Control Board, an Organization common to the whole of India, the examination being conducted simultaneously at various centres. I was then a teacher in the Engineering College, and there was great fun after the examination when it was announced that the first place went to Mr. R. Kodandaraman who was a student of mine while I stood only second. I was the favourite student of Conductor Quantrill in the evening classes on Hockey lessons, and he had bet that I would stand first, so that he came in for his share of the fun as much as myself. I treasure even to this day the certificate and badge issued by the Army Sports Control Board of those days for certified Umpires. This badge once saved me from a rather ugly situation while umpiring a Hockey Match at Madras. The Bangalore Hockey Association side was playing the Madras Hockey Association side at Madras and I had accompanied the Bangalore side as Referee. The Madras side lost, and they wanted to protect on the ground that I was not a certified Umpire, but luckily I had the badge on while refereeing, and later the tables were turned on the other side when it was found that the Madras Umpire was not a certified one.

It was the practice of those days to have the Commissioner of Police of the Civil and Military Station as a sort of *Ex-officio* President, and I clearly remember the great interest that Mr. Green took in the Association and his kind hospitality at Committee meetings.

The standard of Hockey at that time was in no way inferior to that of the present day. I became acquainted with Bangalore Hockey in the year 1915 when I entered the Central College as a student, and I have taken part in the game and watched its growth off and on from that time onwards. It is perhaps right to say that in the game of Hockey the standard has been almost constant in Bangalore, and as high as could be or can be found anywhere else in India. It would make a long story if I went on tracing the growth and decline of many great Hockey Clubs in Bangalore, and mentioning the names of many great Hockey players whom this City has produced. But, I cannot help mentioning the great occasion when the first Indian Olympic Team visited Bangalore before going abroad. It was a wonderful match, and the Bangalore Hockey Association side gave a great fight to the Olympic Champions before going down by the narrow margin of 3–1. We had the good fortune of seeing the great Dhyanchand at the peak of his form, and the wizardry of the Dhyanchand-Roop Singh combination. There was also the redoubtable centre half-back Penniger, and the magnificent left-out Jaffer. For the local side the one who caught the eye most was Lincoln Weston. I have seen many great Hockey players of Bangalore, but I think that the greatest of them all was Weston, equally wonderful either as a centre forward or centre half-back.

The Bangalore Hockey Association has made much progress, and done a lot to improve the standard of Hockey all over the Mysore State, and is now the Mysore State Hockey Association. It is a pleasure to record the unselfish services rendered by the present Secretary, Mr. S. M. Sait, for the furtherance of the objects of the Association. May the Organization grow from strength to strength, and serve for a long time to come the cause of this great game of Hockey which I love so intensely.

HOCKEY IN MYSORE

BY

SRI. K. S. RAMASWAMI

TIME there was when Bangalore was the spotlight of good Hockey in South India. Even matches between two school teams, leave alone the matches between the well-known teams like Bangalore Indians and the St. Joseph's College Sports Club—used to draw big crowds and in the thirties, Hockey was the first choice of the sports-minded in this big sporting centre. To-day, the position is changed. Much of the charm and interest in Hockey in Mysore is now gone. When we speak about Hockey in Mysore State, much of it is concentrated only in Bangalore. In fact, all the State players play for some team or other in Bangalore only. Is there a dearth of talent now in Bangalore or is there a real deterioration in standards? There are a number of first-class players at the present day in Bangalore and some of them have represented India. Mysore still holds a high place in Indian Hockey. The Hindustan Aircraft Hockey XI is a household name in India. The real position seems to me that there has come about a certain staleness in local Hockey and there is certainly a falling off in efficiency. It behoves therefore the State Hockey Association to take action betimes and restore Mysore Hockey to its pristine glory.

After the dismemberment of the famous Bangalore Indians side—now one sees a former player of this team donning the colours of another team and such players are fairly equally distributed among all the leading teams here. Apart from three or four teams that invariably come to the top, the other teams make their appearance and quickly make their exit from the tournaments early. One sees the Hindustan Aircraft and the Madras Engineer Group (Sappers) pitted against each other in the final of many a tournament, or in a few cases, the Imperial Tobacco Co. and the A.S.C.

making the top grade. True, in the early thirties, the Bangalore Indians and the St. Joseph's Sports Club had met in several finals, but the interest in the game never vanished till the end. But now, public interest is waning and the final of a tournament is much more sparsely attended than a quarter-final or a first round match. This, it appears to me, is because of the staleness that has come about Hockey in the State. The players who assist these 'big' teams, invariably dish out the same type of game, with no improvement in the style of play. The victorious team that gains that honour does so invariably by the margin of one goal to nil or two goals to one. The goal average in the tournaments recently is very small indeed. The finer aspect of the game, *viz.*, opening out the game and forwards being goal-hungry are not at all in evidence. After scoring one goal, the tendency appears to be for the forwards to fall back and hang on to the slender margin. Instead of an intermediate line of three and deep defence of two players, there are a host of these defenders. Crowding out tactics are employed to the maximum advantage. But the result of these is uninteresting game and the spectators begin to 'yawn'. Faster Hockey with a burning desire on the part of the players to make the game interesting, is singularly absent at the present day and it is high time that players ginger themselves up and try to put forth real gusto into their play.

During the past few years there had been a special disturbing element in local Hockey, *viz.*, the lack of co-operation between the authorities controlling the game and those who interpret the game when it is played, *i.e.*, referees. Some of the stalwarts of the game kept aloof and refereeing in many cases fell far below standards. Good refereeing, it is admitted, tends to improve the game. This lack of co-operation between the Hockey Association and the referees imperceptibly affected the standard of the game. Now, happily, these differences have been resolved and with the co-operation of the referees assured, there is bound to be change for the better in the standard of the game.

The Mysore State Hockey Association, under the energetic guidance of Mr. N. V. Babu Reddy, I.P.S., President (he has now left Bangalore for Delhi where he is the Deputy Director, Intelligence Bureau), and the energetic Secretary, Mr. S. M. Sait, who has won approbation from the all-India body for his great organising ability and suave manners, assisted by a band of enthusiastic members, has done a lot to find out talent. Mysore took part last year in the Schools Tournament conducted at Poona. Among the University boys, there are quite a few, who, given proper opportunities, could

come to the top. They need a few tips here and there. Some of the Varsity players should be selected to play for State Teams and asked to play with the seniors, if only to shake off their nervousness and I will also say, to infuse the so-called seniors to play with zest. The Mysore University Hockey Team came to the final of the Inter-'Varsity Tournament last year.

The absence of a Hockey League on the model of the George Hoover Cup Soccer League Tournament, is a great handicap. The need for a League is very necessary from the point of formation of stable clubs. Players with some aptitude, very often change their 'colours'. Apart from honest work, loyalty counts a great deal in a game and this virtue must be cultivated. The absence of a suitable ground under the control of the State Association is a great desideratum.

Among the present-day Hockey players, some will have to continue to play for Mysore State for some more years and many of them have brought glory to India. Desamuthu, the Hindustan Aircraft goalie, gets the pride of place in this respect and it is not possible to think of a better goalie for a Mysore State than he. In colleges and schools, there are quite a number of promising players who can keep goal confidently, but Desamuthu easily is at the top of the ladder in this department of the game. Everyone knows that he was a member of the Indian Olympic Hockey Team. He shows keen anticipation and he is sure of his kicks. Occasionally, one sees Desamuthu go in for a little 'gallery' play, but this is pardonable. The only thing to be guarded against is that 'stunts' will not play. For the position of backs, MacBride of the Aircraft, though a veteran, is still good and apart from being a sound and reliable back, he is a great leader. He plays as right back and he walks into a State XI by his clean and pleasing style of game. MacBride is prompt and his clearances are always timely and hefty. He never gets unruffled. Young players should emulate his fine example. For the position of left back, there is Sabjan of the Imperial Tobacco Co., a hero of many a battle. But there are a few others who will do credit in that position. Muniswami of Aircraft and Sunder of St. Joseph's College, have established a name for good play. Sabjan is a hard tackler no doubt, but he puts more faith in bodily weight and often times he is penalised. He would prove to be a strong foil against North Indian teams. Muniswami is quite dependable and Sunder has hefty hits and good body swerve also. For the pivotal position, I must offer boquet to Unnikrishnan of the Hindustan Aircraft. He is the ideal man for this

position. The deep defence can have confidence in his ability to halt the movements of the opposing forwards and his own forward line can depend on him to give neat and intelligent passes. Parasuram of the Madras Engineer Group is good at this position, but he is becoming old and he has not the stamina to keep on for sixty minutes even. Chokkalingam and Veeraraghavan have strong claims for the position of left-half. Veeraraghavan of the Aircraft has become rather stale and taking into consideration the games so far played, I would prefer Chokkalingam. Both are hard working, but Chokkalingam has got greater speed and his clearances are hard and true. For the position of right half, Royappan of the Aircraft (formerly he played for Madras State) has been giving consistently good performances and he is absolutely reliable. Padavat, who is good both at Hockey and Football, has also his claims and he has laboured hard for the State. But, he too is getting stale and he has lost speed.

It is in the forward line that there is need for some overhauling and for real efficiency. Bhaskar easily selected himself for right extreme position. He is a nippy player and he can work his way through. His centres are always a beauty. For right in place, there is Kothandapani and Sivaprakasam, the former Madras player who made the trip to Africa, is now in Bangalore and his claims cannot be overlooked. Kothandapani suffers from knee trouble lately. Once he gets going, he is like a race horse, but lately he has not done as well as we used to see him. There is Peter of the Madras Engineer Group. He is a very promising player and judging from the performances he had given this season, his work must be commended. Peter is quite young and talent should not be allowed to go unrewarded. Otherwise frustration might set in. Fitzgerald of the Aircraft dazzles the crowd with his fine penetrations and he is very fast. But oftentimes he proves himself to be a bull in a China shop and while he may be good for one or two years, a substitute should, in my opinion, be found. Peter could be tried in that position. Rajagopal, the Olympic player, is there for the left in position. He has dazzled many a crowd by his intricate pattern weaving, but one is inclined to think that of late he is not effective. His working his way through is amusing to watch, but the desired dividend is not got. He hangs on to the ball a little too much, with the result that he is dispossessed. But Rajagopal's reputation will stand him in good stead for some time to come. Manuel of the Sappers is a serious rival, but his services will be requisitioned by the Services for the National Championship and so we can leave him out of consideration. With all the admiration I have for Rajagopal's play,

I must say that he must cast off playing for the gallery. He has great experience and in needle matches, experience counts a lot. For the position of outside left, there is Arul of the Aircraft and Arockiaswami of the Sappers. Arockiaswami needs a little more training into the intricacies of the game. Besides these, there are some promising young players who should be given chances. One such is Rajan of Bangalore Sporting in the forward line. Ruthnam of the Tobacco Co. can be considered for the left-half position.

A combination of the old and the young must prove useful and young players should be given opportunities.

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This year's Maharaja's Gold Cup Hockey Tournament had special significance, in that the tournament coincides with the completion of 25 years of very good work done by the Mysore State Hockey Association. The authorities of the Association have done wisely in inviting some top-ranking teams in the country. With out-station teams participating, the fight for supremacy is bound to be keen and Hockey enthusiasts are assured of a good fare. The Madras Hockey Association, who are the joint winners of the National Championship this year, are taking part in the tournament, as also the Central Railways, Bombay, the Hyderabad Association XI and a few others. The District Sports Association from Meerut, runners-up of the Bhopal Hockey Cup, after giving a gallant display against the Hindustan Aircraft (holders), succumbed to them in the pre-quarter-final. Verily, it is a Hockey carnival that has been provided, but one is rather filled with the feeling that at the present day people are not very enthusiastic to witness even good Hockey matches. Encouragement is needed in a great measure from the public.

HOCKEY AND INDIA

By

Mr. B. Doctor

MANY a time we hear people asking two questions:

(*a*) How is the present standard of Indian Hockey compared to other countries?

(*b*) How shall we fare at the next Olympic Games?

Before answering we might examine the various issues which have contributed to establish our world superiority in this field of Sport. As we know Hockey is, more or less, our National Game and is played all over India during dry season when the grounds are fairly firm—be they turfed or sandy.

Firm and hard grounds go to make our game fast. It goes to make our wrists supple, stickwork tricky and accurate, footwork nippy and the eyes are trained to speed. For any ball game, be it Hockey, Cricket, Tennis, Football, etc., two important factors are sight and footwork. We find that a player misses the ball mainly because he misjudges it as his eye is not trained for the quick work and hence is a fraction of a second too late and is caught on the wrong foot.

Usually when our players go outside India, they find the playing conditions unfavourable to fast and accurate Hockey. This is because the Hockey season in European countries is during the winter and the grounds are soft and muddy. It is then only that our training on fast grounds stand by us. For, if you are used to quick conditions it does not take you long to time the ball for slow fields. Whereas if a player is used to slow conditions he will take a very long time to get settled to fast game.

It is this variation in ground conditions that goes to bring about the difference in the style of Hockey that is played in India and in other countries.

Whereas we play fast, scientific and accurate Hockey the others indulge in hard hit and run methods. Moreover, they put in a great amount of Body Work in their game. It is therefore very necessary that our players should be physically fit to withstand the rough knocking about before they are selected for inclusion in an Indian side that may be sent outside India.

It is admitted that since our Indian Team went to Olympic Games in 1932, Hockey of other countries, particularly Germany and Holland, has improved very greatly. They have tried to modify their game and adopt the Indian Scientific Game as much as possible. Pakistan is one more country that India has to take into consideration very seriously in years to come because they play under the same conditions and the same style of Hockey as we do. India has spent a lot of money to send out Teams to other countries to teach them the game. Whatever one may say, attempts should be made to collect funds from these Tours to promote and help Indian Athletics.

Our style of the game may be deemed to have been handed down to us since about 1917, when the Great North-West Railway Team was taking part in Major Hockey Tournaments all over India. Since then, we have developed and improved on their tactics.

Oftentimes people enquire as to the best Team that India has sent out. Personally I feel that the side that was selected for the 1932 Tour stands out very forcibly. Even the Indian side that toured New Zealand and Australia in 1935 was definitely stronger than any that has gone out since. When considering the number of goals scored by our 1935 Team one would be astonished to remember that Dhyanchand—the great Hockey Wizard—alone scored well over 200 goals. Whereas his equally famous brother Roop Singh and F. Wells each scored very nearly 200 goals. Comparing that side with the one that has just toured New Zealand, we can well realise the difference in the standard of Indian Hockey as it was before the Second World War and now. What seems to be lacking these days is the ability to produce goals and to convert the territorial advantage to final results.

In India we have vast amount of talent from which to select our representative side. The main headache of the selectors is not "Whom to Select" but "Whom to Leave Out". For each position we can consider a number of players, one as good as the other. One important point to be kept in mind is that every person that is selected to represent India is physi-

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HOCKEY—THEN AND NOW

By

Sri. M. G. Vijayasarathi

THIS year is the Silver Jubilee Year of the Mysore State Hockey Association and it is customary on an occasion like this to look back and take stock of the things that have passed and the things to come. The other day I was asked—"What is your impression of the standard of Hockey in 1930 and in 1955". Without a second thought I will say that the standard of Hockey of the country in general and Mysore in particular is at a "low ebb" now. Perhaps the moderns will raise their eye-brows and look askance at me. The youngster will look daggers at me but I have no doubt in my mind about my opinion that the standard of Hockey in 1955 is lower than it was in 1930. There is one aspect in which we have made progress and that in organization. Both the I.H.F. and the M.S.H.A. have made great strides in organizing and controlling Hockey on sound lines. The reason for the deterioration in Mysore is not far to seek. Except in schools of the Civil Station there is no Hockey played in any of the High Schools of the State. Hockey skills are developed in some Colleges where facilities exist. By the time a youngster comes into the College, he is well past the age of learning the skill and by the time he masters the fundamentals he will be out of College on his own. How can we come up to the standard of other Hockey-playing Centres ? Even now one can trace some of our top class players to schools in Civil Station, mainly may I say the St. Joseph's.

Let me substantiate my statement. My yardstick is the 1932 and 1936 Olympic Teams. In the recent Inter-Provincial Championships at Bangalore and Madras, I have not been able to spot one player of the calibre of Dhyanchand, Penniger, Tapsell, Jaffer, Hammond, Roop Singh, Aslam and others to mention the names of some of the illustrious sons of the country who are the Champions of the World. Even Balbir, Udam Singh, Babu,

PRIME MINISTER NEHRU being introduced to H.A.L. Players

Dhyanchand Cup Tournament Finals

The Madras District Hockey Association XI

Participants in H. H. the Maharaja Gold Cup Hockey Tournament, 1955

Mysore State XI, 1947

Gentle, Claudius and Malhotra are poor shadows of the great men I have mentioned. Some might turn round and say that the 1932 and 1936 Teams swamped their way through all opposition because of the poor display by the defenders. True. Is it because of the fact that the defence has the better of the attack that such poor forward play is seen now ? The display of Gentle and Swaroop can be classed on a par with Hammond and Tapsell. There is some truth in the statement that the general standard of Hockey in other countries of the world is on the improvement and the Indian Teams have not been having the same amount of success as their predecessors had. A case in point is the New Zealanders, the players of Germany and Holland. They have improved. Let me now turn to Mysore State. My mind wanders back to the years 1928–1935. Most of the top class players were from the Bangalore Indians, the A.F.I., the St. Joseph's Sports Club, the A.I. Sports Club and to a lesser degree the Sappers and Miners. It invariably used to happen that these Teams would figure in the final of practically every tournament. Show me one player of the standard of Hayes, Kalyan Singh and Narayan Naidu of the Indians, Lincoln Weston, Legge, John Snaize, Shanmugam, Sweeney, of the St. Joseph's Sports Club and to a lesser degree players of the calibre of Krishna, Divyanathan, Smith Brothers, Palini, Parthasarathi, B. S. Madhava Rao, Don Rozario, Nicholas, Nailer and others. Not one player of the present except Manuel of the Services can be classed in the stature and standard of those players I have mentioned both in skill and endurance. I place Hayes and Weston right on the top of all these with Kalyan Singh and Legge a very close second to them. It is difficult to imagine Hayes, Naidu, Snaize, Rozario, Weston, Jani Sait inside the D and not score. There is not one sharp shooter now in the forward line. In speed and skill too the present-day players fall in comparison. Krishna, Smith, Divyanathan and others were faster than Bhaskaran, the speediest of our wingers at present and more accurate in their passes, and certainly more skilful. Palini of the Bangalore Indians at his best was infinitely more skilful than Rajagopal. There are at present no one in the Intermediate line to compare with Kalyan Singh, L. Weston and Legge. It was only the 1932 and 1936 Olympic Teams that got the better of these three players. Both Weston and Legge were invited to assist Madras against the Olympic Champions and there also they distinguished themselves as men of outstanding calibre. Both in skill and stamina the present-day player is not so good. The reason for this is simple. Few of the present-day players play games other than Hockey. Kalyan Singh was also a top class footballer. Weston played Cricket and Football and even there he was above the average player.

Dr. A. C. Devaraj was a fine example of all-round player. He played for the Bangalore Indians in Hockey, for the B.U.C. and Combined Colleges in Cricket, for the Central and Combined Colleges in Football and in all of them he was top class. Later he took to Tennis and excelled himself there also. B. G. Kosalram was another player who topped the grade in both Hockey and Football. Shanmugam in addition to his Hockey prowess was a good Gymnast and so kept himself trim. It is only in goal-keeping that the present-day player is superior to his *vis-a-vis*. There was no one of the standard of Desamuthu for example during the thirties. Perhaps that is the reason why so many Short Corners used to be converted in contrast to so few now. Sabjan, I think, is easily the best of the deep defenders in so far as hits are concerned but he is too slow to be effective and a fast forward always gets the better of him. So you see I am not far wrong. About the physical build of the present-day player, the less said the better. Let not the reader get away with the impression that I am an anti-present-day-Hockey. Not at all. But facts have to be faced.

And now to the organization itself. There is more controlled Hockey than before both in the Country and Mysore. The National Hockey Championship, the Inter-University, the All-India Schools Championships are some of the competitions that bring all the talents of the country together. There is also a constant and vigilant search for new talent. The Mysore State Hockey Association founded in 1930 has in no small measure contributed to the rise of Mysore in stature and status. Before that the only representative fixtures used to be between Madras and Bangalore and matches between the Civil and the Military. Now more opportunities are being afforded not only by the State Association but also leading tournament organizers. The Hindustan Aircraft Sports Club have done a great deal in putting Mysore on the Hockey Map of India. They have done well in Bombay, Delhi and Calcutta. The recently formed Industries Association has paved the way for many Hockey players getting useful jobs in various Industries. But with all this encouragement there is scope for more work. If I may suggest a tournament for High Schools should be run by the Association. A combined school team should always figure in our leading tournaments. A school team from the State should go to Madras, Hyderabad and other Hockey-playing centres. A coaching scheme launched for the teaching of skills to school children should be run and all Educational Institutions be asked to help them. Perhaps in such school competition it is wise to separate the Civil schools from the City schools, because of the different backgrounds the schools have towards sports. All these things are possible

if we have a graded play programme in schools and colleges, not only to develop skill but also to get public interest in games. Let us not forget that the sporting public of Bangalore are a discerning lot. They will, as far as my experience goes, turn up in large numbers to see top class sport but will always shun to watch "mediocrity". Perhaps a League Tournament for say 8–10 Teams on a two-fixture basis will serve the Association to build up a State Team. If what I saw in Madras last year is any indication of Mysore's skill, we should do quite well in the next National Tourney. A word of praise is due to that unostentatious secretary, S. M. Sait, for his abiding interest in the game and his organizational ability. The State also has a fine set of officials who have in no small measure contributed to the raising of the standard of Hockey. So at the time of writing this the Association and its finances are happy but the fact remains that the players of the past were superior to those of the present in both skill and stamina barring few exceptions.

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cally fit and any player who does not come up to 100% fitness must be dropped out without any further consideration.

I know of a number of instances when players are sent out even though they were not perfectly fit. Whereas in one case a player was recommended strongly and included in a Touring side who was not at all in a condition to be in an ordinary Club side. With the result that he could play only one match outside India and was put on the sick list thereafter. In fact the person in charge of the side was asked if the player was included for a Joy Ride. It was not that the player had developed a trouble after starting on the Tour but the player was not at all fit and his Province knew this fully well beforehand. Hence I cannot stress too strongly the need for having each player going through a Medical Test before he is included in an Indian Touring side.

Coming to the reply to the queries initiated in the opening lines of these writings, I feel that India is still on top of the world at Hockey and will remain there for some years to come, provided that Members of the Controlling Body for Hockey in India are sincere and honest in their method of selecting the BEST TALENT and stop all forms of "Job Hunting".

SPORTS IN INDUSTRIES

By

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OUR Kindergarten advice "Work whi e you work and play while you play" may seem to suggest that work and play belong to two different worlds. The common man is of the opinion that a worker can never be a good player and a good player can never work. A few years ago a good sportsman could never get a job in any office or factory as the popular conception was that the sportsman being unable to concentrate fully on his job would distract his colleagues from their work. But the architects of our modern industries have totally different ideas on sports and production. They attach great importance to the welfare and recreational activities of their employees and appoint well qualified and highly paid officers to be in charge of such activities. Work and play are closely knit together and care is exercised to see that one does not interfere with the other.

It is often said that the Defence Services have largely contributed towards the development and popularity of sports in India. It is no exaggeration to say that the Indian industries have also made an equal contribution. The chain of Tata Industries, the Delhi Cloth Mills and in our own State, the Hindustan Aircraft, Binny Mills, Government Electric Factory, Imperial Tobacco Manufacturers, Indian Telephone Industries and many other big and small industrial concerns have been employing sportsmen in large numbers and giving them every encouragement and facility to put forth their best and win laurels in games and athletics. It is, therefore, no wonder that the Mysore State teams are packed with players from industries! Some of the State industrial concerns are famous throughout India not only for their quality products but also for their high proficiency in sports. Recently, the management of the several industrial concerns in Mysore have formed a State Industrial Sports Association in order to give

their employees more and more opportunities to take part in sports activities. The various sports organizations in the Mysore State cannot ignore to acknowledge the financial help rendered indirectly by the factories whose employees throng in thousands to watch the matches.

So far we dealt with what the management have done towards the encouragement of sports and sportsmen. But the sportsmen have also a duty to perform. It is a general belief that a sportsman does not actually work as much as the other workers. This may be true to a certain extent. But he must realise that he cannot go on playing indefinitely and that there will come a time when he can no longer expect the same attention and consideration based on his reputation in the sports field. If he has not learnt his job during his hey-day as sportsman and if his playing prowess is on the decline, then he will find himself in the lurch and will realise too late that he is not fit for any other job. So, it is very necessary for every sportsman to consider seriously his future. He must learn his job well during the little time left over from that devoted to his sports activities. This, I am sure, will enable him to stay on in the same job even after he has retired from playing games.

To learn the job well and help the industry should be considered by every sportsman as his sacred duty and that is the only way in which he can express his gratitude to the concern which gave him a footing in life.

TARGET OF BRICKBATS

By

Sri. B. S. Gundu Rao

WHO is an umpire?

The answer appears to be very simple. "An umpire is a person who supervises a game between two teams with a whistle in his mouth."

Has any defeated team left the field of play without cursing the umpires?

Has any winning team appreciated the job of an umpire whose good judgment might have contributed much to their victory?

The answer to both is "NO".

One wonders as to what sort of a person this umpire is who is ignored by the winning and cursed by the vanquished teams! I have not taken into account drawn games, where both the teams curse the umpire in chorus.

Therefore, the above definition of an umpire appears to be incomplete.

A good umpire is one who has studied and understood every rule of the particular game thoroughly and applies the rules honestly, impartially and correctly during the game. This implies three essential requirements of an umpire. First, thorough knowledge of the rules of the game; secondly, correct practical application and thirdly, possessing the most important quality of being honest and impartial.

There are four types of umpires whom we encounter on the field of play. The first type is a person who is honest, who has read and understood the rules well, but not efficient in its practical application. The second

type—who is honest and learnt the art of umpiring without looking into rules book. The third type is the one who conforms to the standards of a good umpire—one who knows the rules, is honest, and good in practical application. And lastly, remove the word "honest" from any of the above three types and we get the fourth and most dangerous category. This type of umpires invariably takes up umpiring with a set purpose of making a team win or lose. It is best to play with umpires of the third type. Next prefer type one to type two and condemn mercilessly the fourth type.

It is often said that an umpire's job is a thankless one. The supervision of the game of Hockey, in my opinion, is far more difficult than supervision of many other outdoor games. The game is played at a fast pace, the ball is small, and the ball moves usually on the ground amongst a forest of legs and sticks making judgment very difficult. The relative positions of individual players (who are mostly moving) at particular instants of time have to be marked. It happens very many times that breaches noticed by players and spectators escape the notice of an umpire, and also several correct decisions of an umpire fail to satisfy players and spectators who may be ignorant of the rule applied or a latest change; and consequently a good umpire is branded useless by the players, spectators and in many cases by the Press also.

We, the players, should always bear in mind that an umpire is there to help us play the game in the true spirit. He is neither a stage manager to direct the play nor a ring-master with a whip. It is common experience that during a game the goal-posts not only prevent many goals but also help scoring goals off rebounds. No one curses the goal-posts for being there. They just call it bad luck. In the same way, view the honest mistakes of an honest umpire with this "goal-post" philosophy and nothing will be rotten in the State of Hockey.

A BRIEF SURVEY OF HOCKEY

By

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SO many stories have been told of the origin of this popular sports in India. Some say that it originated in Sweden, and some give far off Britain, while the rest point to Switzerland. And we in India have heard of this game mostly from the British who ruled India.

Hockey as a sport made its presence felt in India during the closing years of the last century. In the early years the British troops used to play among themselves and only about the end of Nineteenth Century records indicate the willingness of Indian players. This game was mostly supported in India by the leading States and Towns such as Bhopal, Gwalior, Manavadhar, Bombay, Calcutta and Madras. In these places they used to run the Hockey Tournaments and very few Clubs (Indian) used to participate.

Indian Hockey won the admiration of the Britishers only after 1928. That year this game was re-introduced in the Olympic Games held at Amsterdam at the request of our Hockey Federation where we won the Finals of IX Olympaid under the captaincy of Sri. Jaipal Singh. Again, in 1932, India became the World Champions at Los Angeles under the leadership of Sri. Lalshah Bokhari. This Team (India XI) visited all the big cities in India which helped most of the Clubs to improve the standard of this game. At this time in South India a few teams dominated this game. They were Bangalore Indians, St Joseph's, Sappers and Miners and Harriers from Bangalore. Madras was to be represented by M. & S. M. Railway, Telegraphs, M.U.C., Customs and Medical College. After the visit of the Indian Team to each centre this game had more prominence. At that time we had leading players like Sri. Narayanaswamy Naidu, Kalyan Singh, Kosalram, Varadaraj, Sweeney, Freddie Hayes, Palini, Selvamuthu, Cruz and Parthasarathi. In recent years Rajagopal, Fitzgerald, Padavat, Archer, MacBride, Rajasheker, Rajan, Baskaran, Manuel and Desamuthu. Some Clubs like Bangalore Indians made a very good impression in this sports by taking part in leading tournaments at Bombay, Calcutta and Madras, before the War.

Hockey as a sport became popularly organised in 1935 when the Federation sent a Team to New Zealand where we were unbeaten champions. The following year we were champions again in the World Olympics at Berlin and our country made known to the world in this game. That year the same Team visited Bangalore where the Local Team gave a very good account of themselves though we lost by 6 goals to 4 and the Leader of the Indian Team, Sri. Dhyanchand, gave very high tributes to the Bangalore Team. It was then that India focussed the eyes on Bangalore.

During the War years, *i.e.*, from 1940 the leading Clubs like Hornets and Bangalore Blues, Bangalore Sporting were every prominent. We have to give tributes to Sri. Daniels who has done a lot in bringing up this game. It was he who started to take the teams to Madras. After about two years the other Team came to lime-light, *i.e.*, Bangalore Sporting who started to enter the leading tournaments in Bombay, Calcutta, Bhopal, Gwalior and Madras, where they created very good impression of Bangalore standard in this particular game. In 1947 two members from Bangalore represented the India XI to tour India and Ceylon; they were Sri. Rajagopal and Sri. Rajasheker. In 1951 the Indian Team went to East Africa where our Team earned a good name. Again for this tour two of our players, *i.e.*, Rajagopal and Desamuthu from Bangalore represented. The following year again both of them represented INDIA for the World Olympics held at Helsinki.

In 1952 the Japanese Hockey Team visited India and they toured the country. They played five Test Matches in different centres and lost all of them. From South India Bangalore Sporting Hockey Club was invited to tour Pakistan. This Team participated in a leading tournament in Karachi and made a very good name. At present Bangalore has the best Hockey Team is Hindustan Aircraft Hockey Club. This Team in recent years made a very good name throughout India, and this was the First Club from South who won the Beighton Cup and Dhyanchand Cup.

As I have already mentioned our Indian Hockey Federation has once again put Indian Hockey on top of the World Sports by sending the teams to tour the continent. Indians have been seen in action in Germany, Denmark, Holland, Switzerland, Paris and other countries in Europe. The greatest achievement of the Indian Hockey Federation is their unbeaten record in the World Hockey Championship.

The progress of Indian Hockey lies only in the Indian Hockey Federation arranging foreign teams to visit us and encouraging as many Indian Teams or Clubs to go abroad and face opposition and learn more.

THE TRUE CONCEPTION OF THE NATIONALS

By Sri. K. Seshadri

AS in other games, the National Championship in Hockey, is an important event every year. It is the only tournament, which is held directly under the supervision and guidance of the Indian Hockey Federation. Therefore it has a great significance. The only and the correct conception of the " Nationals " to my mind, ought to be, that this is an event in which several teams of the State Associations affiliated to the I.H.F. compete with each other to get the championship. The justification for this conception is two-fold. Firstly since this is an event conducted directly under the auspices of the I.H.F. greater prominence ought to be given to State Associations which are affiliated to the I.H.F. and secondly since the name " Nationals " is there, it should be an event where representative teams from all the State Associations ought to participate. In this context, the participation of the Services Team and the Railways Team in the Nationals, to my mind, appear to take away the significance of the conception of the Nationals. The Service Team no doubt represents the entire defence, namely the Army, Navy and Air Force of the country. Likewise the Railways Team represents all the railways of the country. But the point to be considered is, that neither of them can represent any State Association. Often times, it so happens that though a player representing the Services or the Railways, will be a player of an affiliated club of the State Association, he will not be available for selection as a representative of the State Team and the State Team will have to go without him though legitimately his services could be indented upon by the State Association. Quite often the State Team will be very much depleted on account of the non-availability of the Services and Railway players. To give a concrete example, take for instance this year's Nationals held at Madras. The services of Manuel, who happens to be a player of the Madras Engineer Group, which is a club affiliated to the Mysore State Hockey Association, could not be available for the State Team, since he was selected to represent the All-India Services Team, and what was the result ? It was Manuel who was responsible for Mysore's defeat at the hands of the Services. Had Manuel played for Mysore it would have certainly helped to make a formidable forward line for Mysore. This is

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MYSORE HOCKEY UMPIRES

By

Sri. V. Papiah

I AM very happy as a Hockey player of one of the oldest and renowned clubs of the State of Mysore, the Bangalore Indians, that the Silver Jubilee of the State Hockey Association is being celebrated. Though as a player my first desire would be to express a few thoughts of the game of Hockey and on the several great players of Mysore, in the present note I have resisted this temptation and confined myself to a few thoughts of umpires and related subjects because several other more competent friends have attended to the other portions. I have had opportunity of working as Convener of the Mysore Hockey Association Umpires' Committee for several years and I must record that the standard of our umpires can compare very favourably with umpiring in any other part of India. Several of our umpires are also players of repute and the opinions of the seniormost of our umpires could be regarded as the last word on the subject. Without mentioning all names I may mention in this connection the invaluable services rendered by umpires who are also players of distinction in several First-Class Matches. Sri. Chotah, a veteran player of repute of the Bangalore Indians, Sri. M. Krishnaswamy, a player of the Bangalore Indians and even now of the Tobacco Manufacturing Company and others, are umpires whose decisions have always met with universal appreciation, both by players and spectators alike. Apart from these, there are also many more First-Class Umpires whose decisions on finer points of the game are always appreciated. The present band of umpires all owe their training to Major Steadman, Sri. Ananth, Captain Reynolds and Sri. Srirama in succession. Having mentioned these few thoughts about umpires and umpiring, I may be permitted to express a few appeals to spectators to render the progress of matches and their supervision smooth. There appears to be too much of criticism of umpiring by spectators nowadays. Though this is a healthy sign inasmuch as it shows the keenness with which the spectators watch the

progress of the game, yet often these criticisms are unfair. It is mainly due to lack of proper understanding on the part of the spectators about the various rules of the game and the proper interpretation of the same. Many a time when the umpire applies the advantage rule or awards a penalty bully for intentional infringement, the spectators jeer at him. This is more so when a decision regarding "Off side" is given. But one must remember that the umpire is always in a better position to judge as his mind will be concentrated on the game, than the spectators who are watching the game from their stands. One should also remember that an umpire after all is a human being and as the proverb goes "To err is human". Spectators should realise the responsibility of the umpire and should try to understand him and not hurl unfair criticisms against him.

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only one instance. I am sure there are very many such instances where the State Teams have suffered. The respective State Associations will be left in a helpless position. Broadly viewing, when a player is registered with the State Association, he must play for the State Team and though he may belong to the Services or the Railways, he cannot play for them. If such a thing is allowed, it will be a breach of discipline. The State Team to be selected for the Nationals ought to be a truly representative one including players belonging to the Services and Railways, if they happen to be registered players of the State Association. Then only the Nationals will assume its true character and the State Associations will have an opportunity of sending their best teams. There are other tournaments wherein the Services Teams and the Railway Teams can participate. But in the Nationals only State Teams ought to participate. Then there is the other question. Teams like the Indian Police, Posts and Telegraphs may also want to participate in the Nationals. They may claim that they are as much entitled to participate as the Services or the Railways. Therefore the problem becomes more complex. In the fitness of things the I.H.F. should establish a precedent and should not allow the Services and the Railways to participate in the Nationals. Thereby they will be helping the State Teams to select the best and the true conception of the Nationals will also be realised.

MY EXPERIENCE OF HOCKEY

By

Sri. C. Desamuthu

(*Goal-keeper*, 1952 *Olympic Team*)

MY experiences of Hockey were always pleasant and my reminiscences are always happy.

Like many other players my Hockey too had an humble origin and rose step by step to greater heights and finally my life's ambition was also fulfilled.

For me the big day game is the year 1946 when I first played as the goal-keeper for the Mysore State XI in the National Championship at Bhopal. A bigger chance was provided to me the very next year when I was chosen to play for the South Zone against the Touring I.H.F. Team. I did my part very well. This was followed by another opportunity when I played for the rest of the Indian Team against the 1948 Olympic Team. Here again I acquitted well and justified my selection. I thought that destiny was driving me towards bigger things. With this hope I worked very hard keeping myself always fit and ready to guard the posts in the best way possible. Thanks to all my friends and enthusiasts who encouraged me to go higher and higher. When the I.H.F. selected a Team to tour East Africa, I was an automatic choice along with my Team-mate Sri. M. Rajagopal. This tour was a memorable one. Success followed success and the record was an excellent one. We did not lose even a single match. The Indian Team pleased the East African crowd and the fact that we are still the reigning masters was amply proved.

I achieved my ambition when the final selection of the Indian Hockey Team for 1952 Olympics at Helsinki, was announced. My name was there along with that of popular " Raju "—our Rajagopal. The joy I experienced cannot be expressed in words. Well—I had it.

As all of you are aware, India retained the championship in this Olympics. I was unlucky to a certain extent as I could not take part in a few matches as I fractured my hand in one of the games at Germany. This is one of those things that cannot be avoided in sports.

In our continental round I had the opportunity to watch the game of several Nations—Holland and Germany are worth mentioning and India could not play easily with these Teams. They are very hard working but their technique and dribbling cannot be compared with ours. Nevertheless, one will not fail to observe the grim determination in their game. This is a qualification that is very vital for improvement.

One or two points to maintain our World Standard in Hockey, I may be permitted to mention—Hockey should be encouraged in Schools and Colleges and young talents must be closely watched, picked and properly trained. Several opportunities should be given to these players to improve their game with proper encouragements. In foreign countries good players are never wasted. Government and Sports Organizations come to their aid. In this respect we have not advanced much though it is a happy sight to see organizations like Tatas, Hindustan Aircraft, Punjab Police and Railways have to a certain extent doing spadework to encourage sports. But these are not enough. State aid should be forthcoming. Good retired Hockey players must be employed to coach the youngsters. Playgrounds should be more. Appointments should be provided to the players to earn their livelihood apart from continuing the game.

I would always express my sincere thanks to our H.A.L. Management for giving me all the facilities and encouragement to come up so well. My thanks are also due to the M.S.H.A. and to Mr. S. M. Sait, the Honorary Secretary, who provided many opportunities to me to come up in my Hockey career.

I take this opportunity to wish all success in Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the M.S.H.A. and prosperity of the Association for years to come.

MY IMPRESSIONS OF HOCKEY IN OTHER COUNTRIES

By

Sri. M. Rajagopal

HAVING had the opportunity to tour with the Indian Team to British East Africa in 1947 and 1950 and the Far Eastern countries in 1954 apart from the chance I had to represent our country in the *1952 Olympics at Helsinki*, I would like to express my opinion about the standard of Hockey obtaining in those countries.

While those countries are putting forth all their efforts to improve their standard of play, it is indeed great that we are gifted with a standard that is a class by itself. When I say that we are far superior in our technique, method of play, and approach of the game, etc., I only repeat the opinion of several of the Hockey stalwarts. Pakistan, though has lost to England and Holland, in my opinion, is the next best. They play an identical game as India. Having been part of us, their technique and style of game is nothing different from ours. The potential danger to wrest our supremacy will always be from Pakistan.

On the Continent, Holland has impressed me. They copy our game and try to adopt it. I would say that they have to a great etxent succeeded in their efforts though it will take fairly a long period to master the finer points of the game. Nevertheless, their endeavours to go up is always there and they are now getting themselves coached by an Indian Ex-Olympic player.

I find that the Western Countries play hard Hockey. This type of game is not impressive to watch for a spectator. It is a robust type of game with hard hitting and rough tackling. The polish and technique is absent. The ground conditions in these places also contribute to an extent to this type of hard game. I may say that it is very difficult to play against such teams but our Indian players with their superior ball control and supple body movements can adopt to all ground conditions and easily pass over their opponents without much difficulty.

In 1956 Olympics at Melbourne, India will still hold its suzerainty in Hockey but we should not rest on complacency since other countries are working very hard. In that respect, our Hockey authorities should lose no time but select a team well in advance and give the players proper training and coach to mould it into a well-oiled machine.

Apart from this immediate task of selecting and coaching the best team for the 1956 Olympics, the I.H.F. and State Associations must go all out in search of young talents and train them right from now on to maintain our supremacy in Hockey for years to come. In this connection I would like to state that M.S.H.A., under the able guidance and untiring efforts of Mr. S. M. Sait, the Honorary Secretary, with the help of the Hockey fans is doing its best to contribute towards the cause of being the World Champions in Hockey for years to come.

Lastly, I would like to wish all success and prosperity to the M.S.H.A. and to the Silver Jubilee Celebration.

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Local and Zonal Conferences of Players and Officials, where ways and means of improving the technic and standard of the game should be considered and proper decisions taken to implement them. Regular classes must be conducted for Players and Umpires alike, the fundamental of the games and rules of umpiring must be taught. A minimum qualification must be prescribed without which no Player or Umpire should be allowed to participate in any Tournament conducted by the local Associations. With the implementation of these suggestions, there can be little doubt about India maintaining her superiority in Hockey in future also.

Nagpur Gymkhana Club, Nagpu

Participants in H. H. the Maharaja Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 1955.

The Central Railways Team, Bombay

Participants in H. H. the Maharaja Gold Cup Hockey Tournament 1955.

District Sports Association, Meerut

Participants in H. H. the Maharaja Gold Cup Hockey Tournament, 1955

The Hyderabad Association XI

Participants in H. H. the Maharaja Gold Cup Hockey Tournament, 1955

HOCKEY NEEDS A RENAISSANCE

By

Sri. M. A. Sri Ram

HOCKEY if played as it should be played is a delight to every participating player and to every spectator. Strange as it may seem, it is the least dangerous of all outdoor games, again if properly played—and supervised. True Hockey is also a character-builder, like many other games and a sincere and true Hockey player will invariably acquire a strong character and personality. The purpose of this article is not to deal with the technique of playing Hockey or the various intricacies of winning in competitive or International Hockey, but to present the benefits of Hockey to the "common-man" Hockey player or spectator, and to observe in this context the measures necessary to bring back to the game the great qualities which enabled it to confer these benefits.

Glorious Hockey which has been the delight of every player and on-looker has been witnessed by most of us in the past years in our own country. Every minute of the big games in the past years would be packed with interest. Crowds rising on their toes to cheer some delightful run down the line, heartily applauding clever and accurate defence, heaving sighs of disappointment at a glorious shot just going wide, watching with tense expectancy the taking of a Penalty Corner or Penalty Bully, were features of not only big matches but also of almost all matches, where even teams of no renown met. One sadly misses all these in the matches of the present day, and most of the matches lull the spectator to sleep. Hockey of this type can achieve nothing, and no wonder that there are complaints of standards having become low, and public apathy to the game in several parts of the country.

The reason for this state of affairs lies in the wrong motives by which players and officials of teams are activated. While winning would be the objective in every sport, it should never be at the expense of the enjoyment of the game. The main purpose of Hockey as of all sports, is enjoyment, and incidentally healthy and happy exercise through this enjoyment. Forget this, and no amount of urge to win or skill or experience, will make the game interesting either to the player or the spectator. Putting it in another way, let not the desire to win become an inhibition which cramps the game, but a healthy desire which allows free scope for the delights of the game. Better to lose a free, fast, fair and delightful game of Hockey than to win a cramped, dull and timorous game. The charm of Hockey consists in speed, fair play, combined with restraint from passion, teamwork, and skill and artistry in play. Remove speed and have all the other qualities and yet the game becomes dull. Hockey should be played as fast as ground conditions permit, and purposeful defensive slowing down of the game out of fear that goals may be scored by the opponents will spoil the game. A fast move by even a weak side will create a thrill in the players and spectators alike. Even umpires are told that one of the guiding principles of umpiring is not to check the speed of the game unnecessarily. Players should therefore endeavour to maintain the pace of the game and not adopt tactics which will slow down the game. Such tactics will not ensure a win either, because every action will have a reaction and the other team will also adopt tactics to meet these, and the two teams deprive themselves and the onlookers of the delights of the game.

Foul play and rough play, so frequently marring matches these days, are also really the result of cowardice and diffidence and not of courage as they are often mistaken to be. Indulging in rough and foul play will lower the game to the depths of a dog-fight in the streets—for it can never be called a battle—and will evoke disgust. Mostly, a player will indulge in rough or foul play particularly in defence only when he cannot overcome an opponent by fair means. Here it is that strength of character and confidence in one's own strength count. A confident player who is determined not to adopt foul tactics can still be confident that even if a goal is scored against him, his team can attack in its turn and secure a fair goal. When there is not this confidence or character, he resorts to rough play, which annoys and provokes players, spectators and umpires. It must be realised that adopting these tactics are not only morally bad and ruinous to the game, but also will not ensure a win. On the contrary the more

confident team, because of greater calmness has all chances of winning. Such methods are particularly inconsistent with the traditions of India, a country reputed for its fairness and high moral stature. It may also be said that India has retained its place at the top in World Hockey because of its innate strength and confidence. It is imperative now that the growing tendency among our teams to adopt rough tactics has to be checked, not only to revive the glory of Hockey but also to retain our world title. This does not mean that a player should meekly submit himself to bullying and rough tactics by others. He should by his game and confident approach and personality be able to deter opponents from taking liberties with him, and should be able to withstand a hard game, which is permitted by rules, to give and take a hard knock if occasion demands, but should desist from cowardly and mean tactics.

Pleasing teamwork consisting of joint moves by the players with good understanding cannot but be delightful. The only teamwork of the static defensive type of Hockey often seen nowadays, is in clustering closely round the ball somewhere near midfield and slow and scrappy passing or tackling between slow-running or stationary players. The purpose of teamwork should be to score goals and this requires moving and enterprising Hockey. Players should during most part of the game have the goal as their aim and go out for goals playing a free and fast game. No doubt there are occasions when organised and determined defence is called for, but this defence will be effective and interesting only when there are attacks also. The Hockey field is quite a large area for twenty-two persons' movements and if the advantages of all the positions are utilised properly, there will be abundant scope for skill and artistry and delightful movements. The aim of the team should be to get a goal as fast and easily as possible and selfishness and slowness should be avoided if the game is to be enjoyed.

Players and spectators to-day pay too much attention to umpiring. Many umpires of to-day are, on their part, inefficient. The excessive attention of players on umpires and their awards, and the reaction that this has had on even the efficient and honest umpires have done havoc to the game in almost every place. While before appointing an umpire, an honest and efficient umpire has to be selected, after he is appointed, players and spectators should take as much notice of him as they do of a goal-post. They must consider him to be as impersonal as the inanimate goal-posts and awards of his also as inevitable results of the happenings of the game. Even if an error or two occur, they must be taken as all in the game, unless the

previous records of the umpire and his character reveal evidence of either inefficiency or dishonesty. In either of these cases, he should not be allowed to umpire. Inefficient umpiring can definitely lower standards, and one of the causes of the present-day static uninteresting Hockey is no doubt this. If the umpire is afraid to award a goal when it is scored, a Penalty Bully when it is called for, the game of the teams will naturally be affected and they will try to adjust to the umpire and secure a win somehow. The case of a dishonest umpire is worse still, and he should scrupulously be kept out. Again, honest and efficient umpires must work in co-operation with executives of Associations and neither of these should try to pose as superior to the other. Let us have honest and efficient umpires and then forget completely about them and watch and play the game.

Every Hockey player, official and umpire has now a duty to restore to Hockey the delights and great benefits of the game to the ordinary player and the spectator. The spectator is in fact a player who in his mind will be moving with the players and participating in all the happenings. If there is a grand move towards the goal, he too will be moving in his own mind, and therefore it is only if the players play delightful Hockey and enjoy playing, that the spectator can get the delight and enjoyment. The player has to play free, fast and skilful Hockey, in complete unison with his teammates, go for goals, refrain from foul and rough tactics and take no notice of the umpire. This should be done whenever he is playing, be it a practice game, a friendly match, league match or a tournament match. The officials of Associations should encourage the players to play this type of Hockey, and should select honest and efficient umpires. The umpires should do their job honestly, humbly, efficiently and unobtrusively and yet control the game. The Press, that great moulder of men's thoughts and actions, should do its part in this task and assist and guide the players, the officials and the umpires in the right direction.

The realisation that we must bestir ourselves and set things right is noticed everywhere, and therefore we may be sure that there will be a renaissance and Hockey will come back to its own and be a source of invaluable delight and benefit to the "common man" player or the brilliant player, and the spectator alike.

SPARKS

By Sri. B. S. Gundu Rao

WHEN asked to state the duties of a Hockey Captain, a candidate for the Umpires' Test answered that the principal duties of a Captain are to inform the players about the match and stand coffee after match.

The dimensions of Hockey goal-posts were given by a candidate as "12 feet broad and 7 yards high!"

When asked to give his decision in a case where a full-back prevents a certain goal by kicking, an enterprising candidate wrote "Whistle".

Defenders Note!—When a player of a defending team deliberately prevents a goal, award a penalty bully, wrote another candidate.

Advice to Umpires.—"Before the commencement of a game, Umpires should see that all the sticks pass through an Elastic Ring of 2 inches diameter and that the ball contains only cork and woollen threads Inside!" wrote one.

"What is your decision when the ball lodges in the pads of the Goal-keeper?" was a question. "He becomes dead" was the answer.

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"All Umpires should practise running" advises a Veteran Calcutta Umpire.

Reason.—Though they may not have to run about much during a match, they shall have to run to safety after a match!

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The same gentleman advised wearing white dress while umpiring.

Reason.—They might serve as "White Flag" after bad umpiring.

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An Hockey Umpire-*cum*-Player willed that his Hockey Stick be cremated with him.

Reason.—So that his son may play with his own stick as per Rule 10 (*a*).

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Inclusion of a woman player in men's team was refused by an Umpire under Rule 8 (prohibiting the use of dangerous materials).

WE WILL REMAIN UNCONQUERED

By

Sri. K. Seshadri

WITH hardly a year more for the 1956 World Olympics to be held at Melbourne, Australia, the question whether India is going to retain the title as the World's Unbeaten Master in the Game of Hockey is on everybody's lips. Though it is an undeniable fact that the technique and skill of our players is something unique, yet it is not this alone that counts. The recently concluded National Championship at Madras has demonstrated in unmistakable terms that the standard of ours has greatly deteriorated and our technique and approach has become outmoded. The record number of drawn encounters and the lesser number of goals scored when compared to the number of matches played, are shining examples of this. It may be argued that the drawn games indicate that the two competing teams are well balanced and therefore the record number of drawn games in the Nationals show that the general standard has improved. But this is only an argument for argument's sake. On the other hand, these drawn games clearly show that either the forwards of the two contesting teams failed to utilise the chances of scoring as many goals as possible that came their way, or that the defence of the two teams, so successfully bottled up the forwards of their opposite team, that they could not pierce through them. In any representative encounter it is the number of goals scored for that counts. With all the skill and artistry if a team is not able to make use of the opportunity and score as many quick goals as chance provides them, it loses its reputation soon. Daily we read in papers that in first class Soccer matches played in the continent, each of the two contesting teams, scoring the maximum number of goals, for its side, though the margin of defeat is very small. It means that both the teams have exploited their players to the fullest extent possible and the game itself has been played at a fast pace. Such a type of game is required whether it is in Soccer or Hockey. In this respect our Hockey

has not improved. On the other hand our forwards are lacking in the necessary push and initiative to seize opportunities and make the most of them. Barring a few wingers who are possessed with good speed, and few others who are thrustful, the rest of the forwards in our country representing different States, are generally slow and are inclined to hang on to the ball too much, with the result they are easily dispossessed before taking position either to give a pass or to aim at the goal. Individually they are good, with a lot of stick work and skill but it does not pay in the long run. Individuality and artistic display has very little place in any encounter where teamwork is most needed. It does not mean that a player should not display his talent and originality. But whatever he does should always be purposeful and add to the progress of the game in general and help his side in particular. Another drawback with our forwards is the nervousness or over-eagerness while taking hits at the goal. This often results in poor shots aimed straight at the goal-keeper or rasping shots which go soaring up above the cross piece or shots which go yards away from the goal-post. There is yet another drawback with our forwards and that is lack of cohesion and even distribution of passes. While there has been a remarkable improvement in our defence since the last Olympics, the same thing cannot be said of the forwards. That is why invariably in any match one sees the defence holding sway over the forwards. After the Nationals this year in two major All-India Tournaments, namely the Delhi Cloth Mills Tournament and the Beighton Cup, the finals had to end in indecision despite several meetings and the two contesting teams had to be declared joint holders and the priority as to who should retain the trophy for the first six months had to be decided by the spin of the coin ! This clearly shows that our forwards are just not forceful enough to pierce through the defence and earn decisive victory for the team which they represent.

Though our defence is generally sound, yet there are certain aspects in their game which require considerable improvements. For instance our Full-backs and Half-backs are guilty of very many faulty clearances, in their anxiety to get rid of the ball. Secondly, our Half-line does not function like a unit and play its part in opening out the game for its forwards and at the same time breaking up the moves of the opposing forwards. The net result of all this is there is either stagnation or deterioration in our Hockey and certainly no appreciable improvement.

It is no doubt true that the private team "Delhi Wanderers" which sponsored the tour of New Zealand recently, has returned home with thump-

ing success, the only black spot being the defeat in the so-called Second Tes by four goals to two. The tremendous success has been mainly due to the Helsinki Olympians, Babu, Balbhir, Raghbirlal, Gentle and Claudius. It was also due to the fact that the opposition that our team had to encounter was not a formidable one and had the ground conditions been better and rules of the games been strictly followed, they could have won by still more bigger margin. The I.H.F. Team which is now touring the Continent, consisting mostly of youngsters, put up a grand show during the Warsaw Youth Festival. But later on has been finding it difficult to keep up the winning vein against more experienced teams of Holland and Germany. This means that the teams of the Continent have improved a lot since the last Olympics and are moving fast to catch up with us. That is why we have not been able to win by big and convincing margin.

We need not feel alarmed at this. But at the same time it is suicidal to ignore our defects and drawbacks and to remain complacent. We should take stock of the situation and the experience that our players have gained abroad should guide us in judging our own standard *vis-a-vis* that of our challengers. The way in which the countries of the Continent are taking up the challenge, should open our eyes to the grim reality. What is most needed at present is a band of youngsters who can be trained to perfection in all departments of the game. Rigid discipline must be enforced in the matter of training and coaching and no concession should be shown to anyone, be he a former Olympian or a just a newcomer. There must be periodical conferences of selectors and players in which free and frank discussion regarding the progress of the game, the weaknesses of the players, and suggestions as to how best to improve the technique should be discussed. The selectors should give due regard and consideration to the suggestions made by players. We have yet plenty of time to raise a strong contingent, which will dispel the fears about our retaining the title. We shall not surrender our supremacy.

But this is not enough. If we want to see India's Flag flying very high unruffled for many more years to come, we must work for it from now alone. The I.H.F. should insist on its member Associations to conduct league matches in one or more divisions and these league matches should form the basis for selection of the respective State Teams for the representative matches. The Local Hockey Associations should be always on the look out for young school and University students and should undertake the responsibility of coaching them up so that they may have the necessary training, for enabling them to become First Class Players. In addition, there must be periodical

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IN MEMORIAM

By Sri. K. Seshadri

PARTHASARATHY, the idol of Mysore State Hockey, passed away in the early hours of 18th January of this year. The news of his sudden death came both as a shock and surprise to all those with whom he was intimately connected. Nobody would believe the news, for only the previous evening he was seen giving final instructions to the University boys as their coach and he had to leave for Cuttack along with the University Hockey Team the very day that fate took him away from our midst. Nearly for a period of one month prior to his death, Parthasarathy had been coach-

The Late
Sri Parthasarathi

ing the University lads and within such a short period he had given them such good training that each one of the boys had become capable of giving of his best. Parthasarathy took this coaching as his important mission in life. He spared no pains in this behalf. Unmindful of his personal worries and delicate health, he used to come cycling from a distance of eight to ten miles daily twice in order to successfully complete his mission. He was very eager and enthusiastic and seriously went about his task in right earnest.

Parthasarathy actually lived in the realm of Hockey for over a period of twenty-five years. He began his Hockey career as a forward in the ranks of the Bangalore Indians, the top-ranking team during the thirties, and later on changed over to the pivotol position, in which he represented the State Team in many representative encounters both at home and outside.

There is perhaps no other player in our State who is so very widely known as Parthasarathy. His popularity was not only due to his skill and prowess in the game of Hockey, but was to a very large measure due to his lovable nature and ready willingness in putting many an young aspirant in the way of learning and playing the game. Parthasarathy was most unassuming and was not glamorous of any position. It was the game that mattered with him and how best to justify his presence in the team was all that he was concerned with and concentrated upon. Nobody who saw the frail, lean and lanky personality of Parthasarathy, would easily believe that he was capable of performing such miracles in the field that were very often attributed to him. His calmness unnerved his opponents, his skill baffled them and his clever moves caused confusion in their ranks. Parthasarathy kept his head cool and even under extreme provocative circumstances, he was very seldom known to have lost his temper. On the other hand there were many instances in his career, in which, on account of his level headedness and tact, many an ugly situation had been saved.

More than an active player, Parthasarathy was essentially a teacher and a trainer. Many a top-ranking player of our State owes his name to this great teacher and invariably had his baptism at his hands. He was an able coach and was always a source of inspiration and guidance to the youngsters. He would never allow his trainee to be lazy and indolent on the field. He always insisted young aspirants witnessing Hockey matches in which first class teams participated, since he felt that much could be learnt by such a thing. He commanded respect, not out of fear, but it was the natural outcome of his genial nature and amiable character. His very presence in the field inspired hope and confidence among his colleagues and invariably paved way to victory of the team which had his services.

Born in a working class family, toiling eight hours a day in the factory, with no encouragement and hope for the future, it was only Parthasarathy's fascination and love for the game of Hockey that held him on to it, till the last day of his life.

In Parthasarathy's death we have not only lost a sportsman of great repute, but what is more, the younger generation of Hockey enthusiasts will miss an able coach, sympathiser and guide. Parthasarathy is now no more with us. But his spirit is very much alive and continues to serve as a source of inspiration and guidance to all.

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HISTORY OF CLUBS

ARYAN GYMKHANA YOUTHS' CLUB

Aryan Gymkhana Youths in Football has fame far and wide in India. Aryan Gymkhana Youths in Hockey is still in its infancy. Only about a year ago a Hockey Team was formed and it has taken part in all the major tournaments locally. To strive to bring the Hockey Team to the fame of its counterpart is the aim of the members of Hockey. Most of the players are still teen-agers having bright future. There is every hope that Hockey XI will be reckoned with in future.

THE BANGALORE INDIAN SPORTS CLUB

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	Sri. M. Janickaram
	Sri. S. Mohanraj
	Sri. Ranganathan

BANGALORE SPORTING HOCKEY CLUB

The Club was formed in the year 1930 with Rao Bahadur Madhava Rao Mudaliar as the President and Sri. Venkatraman as the Honorary Secretary. Sri. S. Sampangi was mainly responsible for the formation of the Club. After the formation of the Club, the founders saw that the Club took part in all the local Hockey Tournaments, and from the records we find that our team did fairly well in the local tournaments though no trophies were bagged.

From the year 1940, our Club started taking part in all the leading tournaments held at various centres like the M.W.C. and M.C.C. Tourney at Madras, Aga Khan Cup at Bombay and Beighton Cup at Calcutta; here also our record was quite good, and in some cases we reached the last four.

In the year 1952, we took part in the All-Pakistan Rovers' Cup Hockey Tournament, held at Karachi, and incidentally we were the first South Indian Team to go to Karachi after partition. We are proud to say that we kept the flag of Indian Hockey flying high against some of the best teams in Pakistan though we eventually lost in the semi-finals.

Coming to the current year, our "A" team has done exceptionally well in all the local tournaments. In the Travancore Cup we lost to the A.S.C. (A) in the semi-finals. In the B.U.S. Cup we reached the semi-final round. The Narendra Memorial Hockey Cup we won by defeating two of the best teams in the station, *i.e.*, M.E.G. in the Semi-final and H.A.L. in the Finals and since the Silver Jubilee of our Club falls during this year, we could not have had a better record than achieved by us during this year.

The following are the Office-bearers of our Club for the current year:

President	Sri. V. P. Deenadayalu Naidu, B.A., LL.B.
Vice-President	Sri. S. M. Sait, B.A., LL.B.
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	Sri. Kanan
	Sri. Chowri
	Sri. Seetharam
	Sri. M. V. Balakrishna Naidu

BANGALORE YOUNG CHALLENGE SPORTS CLUB

The locality though small and not encouraging for the starting of a Club, it was ventured to open one to afford opportunities to young men of sportive spirit and talent. The aspiration came to be realised on October 2nd, 1948,

The Bangalore Sporting Hockey Club

The Bangalore Muslims Hockey Club

The City Hockey Club

The Gavipuram Youths Association

when the Club was opened at No. 20, 'A' Street, Baiderhalli, Bangalore, with a strength of 40 members.

The following are the Office-bearers of the Club:

President	Sri. K. Chowriappa
Secretary	Sri. R. Selvaraj, B.A.
Asst. Secretary	Sri. G. Victor
Captain	Sri. M. Anthonyswamy
Cashier	Sri. D. Xavier

The activities of the Club since its inception are not only confined to sports but also to Social Activities like Village Improvement, conducting Free Night School, etc. In short, it is a centre for Social and Sports activities.

Of late no progress has been made in the sports field due to the dearth of members.

We are proud to say that a good number of young men trained in our Club are representing some of the leading teams in the town at present.

In the Hockey Association 24 members have been registered.

THE BANGALORE MUSLIMS SPORTS CLUB

The Hockey Branch of the Bangalore Muslims Sports Club was started in 1942, about 25 years later than its Football Section, which earned the Club whatever name and position it enjoys presently in sports.

A beginning was made with Mr. S. Hasim Sait, B.A., as its first Organizing Secretary, and Lt.-Col. Salam as Captain of the team. The membership, as in Football, is open to all communities. Among its very early members, the names of Messrs. S. Adam Sait, Aminuddin, Esa Sait, B.A., and S. Basheer Ahmed are worth mentioning. These players gave a very good start, though not very bright. The Club has continued to exist in spite of not claiming any trophy in Bangalore or outside. The only matter of pride is that the members play for the sake of game unmindful of the result. Losing tournament after tournament, year after year, would have surely broken the Club long long ago. But the enthusiasm shown by players to be members of this Club and continue to play for it, is something worthy of real sportsmanship. If there could be any single incident where the saying " Lose as if you like it " could be found, it is right here and there could be no better example. Though

he Club has not won any tournaments, it has made its little contribution to State Hockey. The State Team included our players, S. Adam Sait, Aminuddin and Fazlulla Khan, at various times and more than that Mr. Rajagopal, the Olympian, first played his tournament Hockey in this Club. Our other players that the Club found and helped them to help themselves higher in Hockey are Messrs. Benedict Menzies (of I.A.F.) and Peter (of Madras Engineering Group) who have represented Services in its All-India Team.

This narration about ourselves would not be complete without mentioning that selfless, persevering and enthusiastic sportsman Mr. M. Fazlulla Khan. There would be no two opinions if it is said that the Hockey Section owed its birth and would owe its existence and future life to this one and only one personality in the Club.

His indefatigable interest and the undying love for sport is an inspiration in itself to any sportsman or sponsorer of sport alike.

BANGALORE YOUNG STUDENTS HOCKEY CLUB

The particulars of our team are given below:

Date of Establishment .. 27th December 1951

OFFICE-BEARERS

President	Sri. N. Kannan
Vice-President	Sri. R. S. Raj
Secretary	Sri. T. Chinnathambi
Committee Members ..	Sri. Saranga Pani (*Captain*) Sri. P. M. C. Dorai (*Field Captain*)

THE BANGALORE HORNETS CLUB

A brief history of the Club is given below:

Bangalore Hornets is a newly formed Hockey Club in the year 1955 and was immediately affiliated to the M.S.H.A. We have been very fortunate in participating in the Gold Cup Hockey Tournament this year which is the Silver Jubilee year of the Association. Due to bad luck we were

defeated by a solitary goal in the above tournament by Indian Wanderers. The present strength of the team is more than 17 players and is gradually increasing in number. We have been very fortunate enough to have Mr. R. Mitchell, M.A., as our President and Mr. V. J. D'Cruz as our Secretary. He is a very keen Hockey fan, who will guide us and organise the Club in future.

OFFICE-BEARERS

President	Sri. R. Mitchell, M.A.
Hon. Secretary	Sri. V. J. D'Cruz
Asst. Secretary	Sri. H. Upshon
Members	Sri. G. Upshon
	Sri. E. Smally
	Sri. S. Rozario

THE CITY HOCKEY CLUB

Started in the year 1932 in the City area of Bangalore, the members of this Club consisting of members of some families and friends formed themselves into a Volleyball Team for want of a Hockey playground and after sometime switched over to Hockey, playing daily on available open spaces and secured a bit of land as playground at Shankarapuram from the Municipality in 1934. The Club then progressed gradually and secured for itself a full-sized Hockey ground in the same locality and has been the only private Hockey Club in Bangalore with a full Hockey ground. Hundreds of students, mostly of Colleges, and other educated young men have passed through the Club these 23 years. Sri. K. S. Krishna Iyer was the first President of the Club for some years and thereafter Dr. B. S. Madhava Rao, a veteran Hockey player of great renown, has been the President. Sriyuts M. A. Sri Ram, S. V. Krishna Murthy, M. N. Doreswamy, B. S. Gundu Rao, Parthasarathy, M. A. Radhakrishna, M. A. Ramakrishna and Cavle have been Captains of the Club and Sri. M. A. Sri Ram, Dr. K. R. Sreekanteswar and Sri. N. Parthasarathy, Secretaries of the Club, in these years. Sri. M. K. Srinivasan and N. Kotilingam were the Managers of the Club and rendered unobtrusive and sincere service.

The Club has been fostering a homely spirit of brotherhood among its members and many are the members who have distinguished themselves

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in academic fields and occupied good positions in life. Hockey players of distinction have also been turned out and Sri. C. S. Suryanarayana Rao, Sri. M. A. Ramakrishna, Sri. M. N. Narayan and Sri. M. A. Radhakrishna (now assisting Mohan Bagan Club at Calcutta) have represented Mysore State in representative matches, the last three and Sri. M. A. Parthasarathy, Sri. I. P. Shyam, Sri. L. R. Cavle and Sri. Arun Sarpeshakar the Mysore University in Inter-'Varsity Tournaments. Among the great players of the Club are Sri. G. R. Babu, Sri. B. A. Srinivasa Rao, Sri. K. V. Ananth, Sri. A. Sivaprakasam, Sri. T. Sivaswamy, Sri. S. Santanam, Sri. V. Natarajan, Sri. M. K. Ethirajan, Sri. M. R. Thyagarajan, Sri. M. A. Parthasarathy, Sri. L. R. Cavle and Sri. Arun Sarpeshakar, the last named player showing signs of great promise for the future.

The Club has won the Mysore Dasara Hockey Tournament in several years and has been participating in every Hockey tournament of the Mysore State Hockey Association and some in Madras and Wellington. Through the munificence of *Dharmaprakasa* Sri. L. S. Venkaji Rao, the Club secured a donation of a handsome Cup to conduct under the auspices of the Mysore State Hockey Association the popular Lokkur Cup Hockey Tournament with the object of promoting Hockey in the City area. This Tournament is conducted without any entrance fee being charged for admission to the ground.

Many members of the City Hockey Club are umpires, trained mostly by Sri. K. V. Ananth and some are believed to be equal to the best in the country. This Club has been serving the game also by its representatives serving in the Mysore State Hockey Association for several years and conducted the Second Division League in the past and hopes to continue its humble service for many years.

515 COMMAND WORKSHOPS SPORTS CLUB, BANGALORE

515 Command Workshops EME Sports Club was formed in the year 1947 and the Hockey team was immediately affiliated to the M.S.H.A. Gradually the number of players increased and as a result two teams were formed. The present strength of the team is more than 30 players.

Our 'A' team has attained a good standard in Bangalore Hockey. To prove this, in the year 1949 our team had reached the finals of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore Gold Cup Hockey Tournament held at Bangalore

and due to bad luck we lost to G.I.P. Railway, Bombay, by a solitary goal. Subsequently in the year 1950 our team again reached the finals of the B.U.S. Cup Tournament, at Bangalore, and lost to H.A.L. by a solitary goal. We have also taken part in M.R.C. Gold Cup Hockey Tournament at Wellington and we have gone as far as semi-finals in the years 1952, 1953 and 1954.

Our team is proud to have two State players, namely, Sri. Padavat and Sri. D'Cruz. Both of them represented the State Team in the National Hockey Championship. Sri. Padavat had the distinction of representing the Services Team that toured Ceylon in the year 1952 and representing the Indian Team that toured Singapore and Malaya in the year 1954.

OFFICE-BEARERS

President	.. ..	Lt.-Col. J. Rebeiro
Hon. Secretary	.. ..	Sri. S. Seshagiri Rao
Asst. Secretary	.. ..	Sri. B. Sahadevan
Members	.. ..	Sri. D'Cruz
		Sri. Kannan
		Sri. Stanlaus

GAVIPURAM YOUTHS' ASSOCIATION

Gavipuram Youths' Association owes its origin to the pioneer Sri. B. Suryanarayana Rao who, in 1937, got hold of a few youngsters and started a Hockey Team in the remote corner of the City, namely, Gavipuram Extension. For full two years he struggled hard to train up a batch of youngsters to come up to standard. In 1939, Sri. L. Nagaraj took up the reins of the Association and got it affiliated to M.S.H.A. From then onwards the Association has been a regular participant in most of the tournaments conducted by the M.S.H.A., besides training many young school and college boys, who have been representing their respective institutions. Though the name is "Gavipuram Youths' Association", it does not mean that this Association is sectarian in any aspect. It is on account of the playground which is situated in Gavipuram Extension, where the boys have regular practice, that the name "GAVIPURAM" is retained.

The Association has a membership of about 35, of whom about 25 are active players of Hockey. The Association has survived the test of time

on account of the invaluable service rendered by Sri. L. Nagaraj, who is the Secretary of the Association for the tenth consecutive year. Sri. K. Srinivasan, M.Sc., is the President and Sriyuts S. P. Jagannath, D. N. Venkatesh, B. K. Srinivasamurthy, T. R. Ramachandra and K. Natarajan are the Members of the Managing Committee.

1946 is an important year in the life of the Association. The Association Team was at its height of supremacy in that year and won the "B" Division Police League Shield.

The Association has produced many top-ranking players in the past, of whom the names of Sriyuts K. Srinivasan and L. T. Aswath deserve to be mentioned. The former had the distinction of captaining the Mysore University Hockey Team in 1944 and the latter was selected as a standby of the Mysore State Hockey Team in 1945. The Association's patient but steady progress bore fruit in 1955, when its Ace Goal-keeper, Sri. K. Raghuramulu, was selected as one of the members constituting the Mysore State Team which participated in the Obeidullah Khan Gold Cup Silver Jubilee Tournament at Bhopal. The Association has also been elected as a member of the Council of M.S.H.A. for the year 1954–55 and has been doing its best to promote the interests of Hockey through its representative Sri. K. Seshadri.

GOVERNMENT ELECTRIC FACTORY SPORTS CLUB

Sports in any institution form part and parcel of labour recreational activities. With that end in view the G.E.F. Sports Club was started as early as 1939. This Club has the support of Mysore Government, an annual grant being paid by them. It can be boasted that this is the only Government industrial concern which has a Sports Club run according to strict Constitution and recognised by Government. Among its manifold activities like Football, Badminton, Cricket and Indoor Games, Hockey forms a predominant part being affiliated to the Mysore State Hockey Association, care being taken to see to train as many youngsters as possible in this field. In the year 1947, the Hockey Club had the proud privilege of meeting the Kirkee United Club in the finals of the Maharaja's Gold Cup Hockey Tournament held at Bangalore after beating the redoubtable Islam Gymkhana and Kalyanmal Mills, Indore, in the quarter and semi-finals.

The affairs of the Sports Club are being managed by an Executive Committee elected annually consisting of both labour and management. The following are the present Office-bearers of the Club :—

President	..	Sri. A. V. Raghavachar, B.SC., M.SC., etc.
Vice-President	..	Sri. R. Krishnaswamy
Hon. Secretary	..	Sri. A. Ananthakrishnan, B.A., B.L.
Hon. Asst. Secretary	..	Sri. S. Bhima Rao
Hon. Treasurer	..	Sri. C. Hanumanthappa
Hon. Captain ..	..	Sri. B. V. Krishnamurthy

THE BANGALORE GRASSHOPPERS HOCKEY CLUB

The Bangalore Grasshoppers Hockey Club was started in the year 1939 and the following are the Office-bearers :—

Hon. Secretary	..	Sri. M. Dhanasingh
Captain ..	..	Sri. T. Brahmanandam
Treasurer ..	..	Sri. P. M. Swamy
Committee Members	..	Sri. Subramaniam
		Sri. Kantharaj
		Sri. Kuppuswamy

The above Club was affiliated to the Mysore State Hockey Association and has been regularly participating in all the tournaments run by the Association.

The Club fared well in certain tournaments in the initial stages and had no chances of participating in the mofussil tournaments due to lack of finance.

The Club is running without break with private contributions and this Club hopes to see the Golden Jubilee of the Mysore State Hockey Association also.

HINDUSTAN AIRCRAFT SPORTS CLUB, BANGALORE

H.A.S.C. Hockey Team

The Hockey Team of the Hindustan Aircraft Sports Club is to-day one of the top-ranking combinations of our country and includes among its

players some who have had the honour of contributing their share in maintaining India's acknowledged supremacy in International Hockey in the last World Olympics at Helsinki in 1952 apart from representing India in many of the foreign tours.

Credit for building up of the team on proper lines to its present status goes to the untiring efforts of Sri. Joseph, Sri. B. Raja Rao apart from Sri. M. V. Balakrishna and Sri. A. C. MacBride, who have been guiding and captaining the team till to-day.

It was in the year 1945, when under the captaincy of Sri. Joseph, the team won the Lokkur Cup in a keenly contested tournament, that the local Hockey fans recognised in this team the qualities that were eventually to carry it to greater heights.

In 1949, when the team annexed the M.U.C. Gold Cup under the captaincy of MacBride at Madras and later in the same year reached the finals in the Agakhan Cup at Bombay and lost narrowly to the renowned Punjab Police, the rest of India witnessed and realised for the first time the real potentialities of the team.

In the Beighton Cup at Calcutta in the year 1951, the finals acquired the status of an international meet, as we had to defeat a very powerful combination from Pakistan—a side which included no less than 6 internationals. Convincingly we won the finals to the joy of tens of thousands of Hockey enthusiasts all over the land.

In the following year, however, we had to be content with being the runners-up in the same tournament—the Mohan Bagan Club having got the better of us.

It was not long before we once again established our name in yet another major tournament. This time it was at Delhi; in the year 1953, in the Dhyanchand Cup Hockey Tournament, we beat the Punjab Police in the finals and carried the handsome trophy from the far North to Bangalore. The Punjab Police had again to acknowledge our superiority over them, when they lost to us in the semi-finals of the 1954 Invitation Hockey Tournament at Bombay. Our team proceeded to win the finals by defeating the Western Railways.

In the South, the only other trophy of importance which has perhaps eluded us so far is the M.C.C. Cup of Madras. Who knows ! ere long, this Cup also may find company with the numerous other trophies that adorn the Hindustan Aircraft Sports Club.

Hockey, which is one of the several activities in which the Hindustan Aircraft Sports Club is interested in, has always had the patronage of the General Managers in their successive line and the Hockey Team is highly indebted to them for the personal interest they have been evincing and to the Personnel Manager for his ready and willing assistance at all times and to the Management, in general, for its kind policy of encouragement of Sports.

We are very optimistic that some more of our players will find a place in the 1956 Olympic Team as players like them are showing signs of great achievements.

H.A.S.C. Hockey Team is greatly indebted to the M.S.H.A. for the keen interest they have been showing and for the several opportunities given to our players. The Secretary of the Association, Mr. S. M. Sait, deserves thanks for it is through his efforts that Mysore State Hockey is enjoying an unique status in India.

We take this opportunity to congratulate the Association on Silver Jubilee Celebration during the H.H.M. Gold Cup and wish them all best for now and ever.

THE IMPERIAL TOBACCO COMPANY OF INDIA LIMITED SPORTS CLUB, BANGALORE

OFFICE-BEARERS

President	.. ..	Sri. C. R. V. Subban
Vice-President	.. ..	Sri. A. T. Pattison
Treasurer	.. ..	Sri. I. D. Sharma
General Secretary	.. ..	Sri. T. Syme
Hockey Secretary	.. ..	Sri. M. Krishnaswamy

Number of players registered with the Mysore State Hockey Association—30.

Brief History of the Club.—Our Sports Club can rightly claim to be one of the pioneer organizations in the State. Since our formation some 30 years ago, we have participated regularly in all local tournaments. In 1943 we won His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore Gold Cup Hockey Tournament. We also had another successful year in 1948 when we won

His Highness the Maharaja of Travancore Cup Tournament and the Lokkur Cup Tournament. Our star players—M. Krishnaswamy, R. Parthasarathy, Sabjan, Ruthnam and Yesudass, have at some time or the other been called upon to represent Mysore State in matches.

The sudden death of R. Parthasarathy in January this year was a great loss to our Club. Parthasarathy was one of the most colourful and oldest Hockey players in Mysore State.

INDIAN WANDERERS HOCKEY CLUB

OFFICE-BEARERS

President	.. ..	Sri. S. V. Subramani, B.A., B.L.
Vice-President	.. ..	Sri. A. Shacoor
Hon. Secretary	.. ..	Sri. K. Iswar Das

The above Club was founded in the year 1942, with a small membership of only 12. Between the year 1942 and 1947, we strivéd hard in the local tournaments without any success. In the year 1947 we competed for the first time in the M.C.C. Cup Hockey Tournament at Madras and we achieved the distinction of winning the said Cup coincident with the First Independence Day Celebrations. In the year 1948 we won the B.U.S. Cup Hockey Tournament. We also participated in the Trilokekar Hockey Tournament held at Madanapally and won the Cup continuously for four years from 1949 to 1952. We also participated in the Mohan Memorial Cup at Chittoor in the year 1949 and we were the runners-up. During the years 1949 and 1952, we competed in various tournaments held at Chittoor, Anantapur and other places. Though success did not crown our efforts always we did give a very good account of ourselves everywhere we went. We also undertook a tour of Kurnool and Hyderabad. We also visited Bombay twice and we were defeated in the Quarter-finals of the Invitation Hockey Tournament.

We are proud to say that most of our old players who have joined various factories and departments, have given such good account of themselves in the field of Hockey that we are proud of them. Most of them have also been selected to represent the State side.

Our Club came up very high within such a short period and achieved good fame, but later we have fallen considerably. The Club was revived again in the year 1954 and the members participated with great vigour in the

The Indian Wanderers Hockey Club

The Bombay Indians Hockey Club

Indian Telephone Industries Hockey Club

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local tournaments. The Club was represented in the Madras Regimental Gold Cup Hockey Tournament held at Wellington in the year 1954 and in the same year we took part in Gadag Hockey Tournament. We have now a membership of 40. We have plans and hopes that with the co-operation of our members, we will surely improve and achieve fresh laurels.

The greatest handicap for the private clubs is that they don't have a playground for practice and we take this opportunity and appeal to the Association to try with the Government and secure grounds to the private clubs.

INDIAN TELEPHONE INDUSTRIES SPORTS CLUB

Hockey Section

1. The I.T.I. Sports Club was founded in the year 1950. The Office-bearers of the Club for the year 1955–56 are the following:—

Patron-in-chief	..	Sri. Jagdeesh Prasad (*Managing Director*)
President ..	..	Sri. N. K. Sen Gupta (*General Manager*)
Vice-Presidents	..	Sri. K. D. Vaidya (*Manager*)
	..	Sri. S. K. Rana (*Senior Engineer*)
General Secretary	..	Sri. T. K. Chowdhury
Treasurer ..	..	Sri. R. V. Iyer
Asst. Secretary	..	Sri. D. Sabhapathy

Under the auspices of the Sports Club, a Hockey Team was organised in 1950 by a band of young and enthusiastic Hockey players. The Hockey Club was affiliated to the Mysore State Hockey Association in 1951 and from that year it has been participating in all the Local Tournaments.

2. The Management of the Hockey Section is entrusted to a Sectional Secretary, a Captain and a Vice-Captain who are elected every year by the playing members. For the year 1955–56, Sri. R. Devadas is the Sectional Secretary, Sri. M. P. Mahadevan the Captain and Sri. A. Jayakanth the Vice-Captain.

3. The Club participated in the All-India Posts and Telegraphs (Madras Region) Hockey Tournament in December 1954. It has on its rolls many young and promising players who are showing improvement every year.

One of our members, Sri. M. A. Ramakrishna, was selected to represent the Mysore State Hockey Team this year in the Obeidullah Khan Gold Cup Hockey Tournament at Bhopal; he is also a qualified Umpire of the State Hockey Association. Another member of the Club, Sri. M. K. Prabhakar, had the distiction of securing the second rank in the All-India Hockey Umpires' Examination conducted recently for the first time by the Indian Hockey Federation.

4. The Management of the Indian Telephone Industries, Ltd., have been very generous in encouraging our Hockey Club and we are sure that with their continued support the Club will grow from strength to strength and win laurels in Hockey.

THE INDIAN GYMKHANA HOCKEY CLUB, BANGALORE

The Indian Gymkhana Hockey Club was established in the year 1943 under the presidentship of Sri. P. R. Narasimhan, B.E., now at New Delhi, as the Assistant Engineer in the A.I.R. The sole intention in starting the Club was to encourage the youngsters of the Fraser Town and Cox Town localities to learn and master the game of Hockey. Since then, the Club is taking part in all the tournaments conducted by the Mysore State Hockey Association, Bangalore, and also in several other tournaments conducted by the Hockey Associations outside Bangalore. The Club is indebted to late Sri. Parthasarathy of Tobacco's, who represented our State for many years, for his untiring services in encouraging and coaching the youngsters of the Club. He was ably assisted by Capt. K. R. Kalyanasundaram of Madras Engineers, who, before joining the Army, was the real backbone of the Club.

The Club has produced several State players including one All-India player, Sri. V. P. Bhaskaran, who is now touring Europe with the I.H.F. Team. Though the Club has not won laurels in the State Tournaments, it has made a good name all through. The Club took part in the All-India Trilokekar Memorial Hockey Tournament conducted by The Andhra Hockey Association at Madanapalle in the year 1955 and took a place as the runners-up.

The present Office-bearers and the members of the Club are as follows:-

President .. Sri. V. R. Ramachandran, B.Sc., B.Sc. (Tech.)

Secretary .. Sri. P. V. Chittibabu

Treasurer .. Sri. S. Sundarraj

Sriyuts:

Members .. (1) R. Devanathan (*Captain*). (2) Percy D'Monte. (3) M. Kuppuswamy. (4) B. N. Prakash. (5) M. Ameeruddin. (6) James. (7) Dhanraj. (8) Muthuraj. (9) Ananda Mohan Singh. (10) N. Rajaram. (11) Vasu. (12) Sunder. (13) Patrick. (14) Govindaraj. (15) V. P. Babu. (16) Vedavyasa Rao.

KEMPER'S SPORTS CLUB

1. Kemper's Sports Club was started on 23–1–1950 at Moore Road, Cleveland Town, Bangalore.

2. It was affiliated to the Mysore State Hockey Association in the year 1951.

3. The Club was elected as one of the five members on the Council of the Mysore State Hockey Association for the year 1951–52. The Secretary of the Club was Tournament Secretary for two tournaments conducted by the M.S.H.A. in that year.

4. Two benefit morning shows were conducted in aid of the Club to raise the funds of the Club on 2–10–1952 and 15–8–1954 at Asoka Talkies. Both the shows were successful.

5. One of our members, Sri. Arulanandam, was selected to represent Mysore State in the National Championships in the year 1952.

6. One of our members and players, Mr. Adi Patel, was selected to represent the State for Inter-Schools Tournament (All-India) in the years 1953 and 1954 conducted at Bombay and Poona respectively.

7. One of our Office-bearers is a well-known referee in the M.S.H.A. He is our Vice-President, Mr. A. R. Swaminathan.

8. Our Club has 30 registered players on the roll at present.

9. Office-bearers are as follows:—

President .. .. Sri. M. Jayaseelan (*Corporation Councillor*)

Vice-President .. Sri. A. R. Swaminathan (*Physical Instructor, St. Aloysius High School*)

Secretary	.. ..	Sri. S. V. Sangameswaran, B.Sc., Dip.L.Sc.
Treasurer	.. ..	Sri. W. Appadurai
Captain	.. ..	Sri. S. Sunder Raj

MALLESWARAM YOUTHS CLUB

1. The Club was founded in the year 1952 (15th May 1952).

2. Office-bearers for the current year:—

President	.. ..	Sri. S. A. Srinivasan
Vice-President	.. ..	Sri. N. P. Ubhayakar
Hon. Secretaries	..	Sri. B. S. Nanjundiah Sri. M. B. Nagarajan
Hon. Treasurer	..	Sri. D. S. Murthy
Members of the Managing Committee		Sri. Seshadri (*Captain*) Sri. N. Narasimhan Sri. B. R. Vasudevalu Sri. K. S. Narasimhamurthy Sri. P. Purushotham

3. Number of players registered: 25 (Twenty-five).

4. Annexed the Trophy of the Dasara Hockey Tournament held at Mysore, on 7–10–1954, under the auspices of the Mysore Sports Association.

Participated in the Gadag Betgari Hockey Tournament held at Gadag during November 1954.

MADRAS ENGINEER GROUP HOCKEY CLUB

1. The Club was formed in 1904 and was then known as the 2nd Queen's Own Sappers and Miners Hockey Club. Later on the name was changed to the present one. Being one of the oldest Hockey Clubs in Bangalore it has played a considerable part in raising the standard of Hockey in Bangalore.

2. Many of the players have represented or been selected for the Mysore State Team. One of the players has represented the Services team

Kemper's Hockey Club

The Madras Engineer Group Hockey Club

Imperial Tobacco Company Sports Club

for the last four years. The same player was selected to represent India on the tour to Australia in 1952 which was eventually called off and was a standby for the Indian tour to Poland this year. Two of our players were members of the All-India Team that toured New Zealand in 1927.

3. The Club has participated in most of the major Hockey Tournaments in the country. The Club is the holder of the B.U.S. Hockey Cup for the third year in succession and also the winners of the Red Triangle Hockey Tournament in 1954. The Club Team will be participating in the Dhyanchand Hockey Tournament this year.

THE MYSORE DISTRICT HOCKEY ASSOCIATION, MYSORE

Several gentlemen of Mysore City who were very much interested in promoting the game of Hockey convened a meeting which was held in one of the rooms of Maharaja's College on 22nd July 1944. Sri. A. Narayanaswamy, B.A. (Hons.), presided over the meeting. The following were present at the meeting:—

1.	Sri. A. Narayanaswamy ..	Maharaja's College, Mysore
2.	Sri. M. N. Parthasarathy ..	,,
3.	Sri. B. Chandrasekhar ..	,,
4.	Sri. B. L. Ramaswamy ..	,,
5.	Sri. Y. S. Ramaswamy ..	,,
6.	Sri. B. Sreenivasa Iyengar ..	Methodist Mission High School
7.	Sri. C. J. Ramadev ..	H.H.M.O. Infantry
8.	Sri. A. Shiva Prakash ..	,,
9.	Sri. M. Ananthaswamy Rao ..	Mysore Gymkhana
10.	Sri. L. Narasappa ..	Friends' Union
11.	Sri. M. S. Venkataramanachar	

During the first three years Dr. A. C. Devaraj was the elected President of the Association. He was a very great asset to the Association and with his vast knowledge and experience, he guided the infant Association through some troubled times. After his transfer to Bangalore Dr. K. C. Appachu was elected President of the Association. It was Dr. A. C. Devaraj, Dr. K. C. Appachu and Sri. L. Narasappa who helped the Association to get over some financial difficulties. Their generous donations and a variety show

got up in aid of the Association helped a great deal to improve its finances.

During December 1947, the Association was honoured by the visit of the Afghan Olympic Hockey Team and the following year the Indian Olympic Hockey Team paid a visit to Mysore and they played two exhibition matches in the City. In the year 1949, a written test for the umpires in Hockey was conducted by the State Hockey Association. Sri. B. S. Gundu Rao, the then Convener of the Referees Board, conducted the examination. Sri. L. Narasappa and Sri. K. V. Achuta Rao were declared to have passed the examination and some time later, they were awarded certificates, as qualified referees.

The District Association is mainly responsible for the conduct of the League Tournament for the affiliated members of the Association. Sri. A. Narayanaswamy, the then Assistant Director of Physical Education, Maharaja's College, generously donated a handsome, ever-rolling shield to the Association, to be presented every year to the champions. This was, indeed, a very great impetus for the betterment of Hockey in Mysore. The present President, Dr. K. C. Appachu, is evincing very great interest in all the activities of the Association.

In addition to the League Tournament, the Association is responsible for the conduct of Sri. M. B. Rama Rao Memorial Tournament and the Dasara Hockey Tournament. Sri. M. B. Rama Rao Memorial Tournament is played on a knock-out basis, and was at first won by Mysore Gymkhana; but later on the conduct of it was handed over to the Association. A beautiful Silver Shield was presented by Sri. A. C. Somanna of Calcutta Football fame. The Dasara Hockey Tournament is a festival tournament open to all member-clubs of the State Association. Every year some clubs from Bangalore are participating in it.

The Managing Committee for the year 1955-56 consists of the following members:—

President	.. .. ..	Dr. K. C. Appachu
Vice-Presidents	.. ..	Sri. N. Narasappa Lt. D. N. Rajanna
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer	..	Sri. H. Veeraraj Urs
Joint Secretaries	.. ..	Sri. N. B. Thimmaiah Prof. S. K. Ekambaram

Representative from the Referee's Board .. Sri. K. V. Achuta Rao

One Representative from each of the following Colleges or Private Clubs:

Maharaja's College
Yuvaraja's College, Mysore
St. Philomena's College
Medical College, Mysore
National Institute of Engineering
Victory Club

THE BANGALORE INDIAN HOCKEY CLUB

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